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Granite City Township Democratic Precinct committeemen, from left, Frank Laub, Sandy Pence and Debbie Stanton display some of the bicycles to be given away at the annual Christmas For Kids party Dec. 9 at the township hall.

Christmas for Kids party Dec. 9

50 bikes to be given away

By Bob Slate
Staff writer

For the past nine years, the Granite City Democratic organization has made Christmas a little brighter for children. And this year is no exception, as the annual Christmas For Kids party is expected to be bigger and better than ever.

Last year, more than 500 children attended the free event at which bicycles, fruit and candy are given away.

"Each year, we have more kids. So each year, we have more prizes," said Sandy Pence, committeeman in precinct 18 and chairman of the event.

Nine years ago, two bicycles — one for a boy and one for a girl — were given away.

This year, 50 bikes have been purchased for the event.

"This year we expect to have between 600 and 700 kids attend. This would not be possible without the donations from businesses, individuals and politicians," said Frank Laub, chairman of the Granite City Township Democratic Precinct Committee.

Christmas for Kids will be held from 1 to 3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 9, at the Granite City Township Hall. Parental supervision is required.

Santa Claus is also expected to be on hand and children will have an opportunity to tell him what they want for Christmas.

A puppet show by The King's Kids is also planned.

Debbie Stanton is co-chair of the event.

Contamination woes continue New approach sought at station

By Bob Slate
Staff writer

An environmental consultant says Granite City is about 30 percent through with its cleanup of gasoline contamination at the main fire station on Madison Avenue.

The city removed four underground gasoline tanks from the site and has already spent more than \$500,000 on the cleanup, but contamination does not appear to be going away.

"We've dumped \$500,000 over there and the only thing we've gotten rid of is the tanks," said Alderman Craig Tarporff, chairman of the City Council's Engineering Committee.

Tarporff said he will recommend that the city refuse payment of the latest bill submitted by the environmental engineering firm of Schreiber, Grana and Yonley because a quarterly report indicates a gauge was not working at the time of most recent testing.

"We are paying them to perform tests. If they can't do them because their equipment isn't working, why should we pay them?" Tarporff asked.

The city removed four gasoline storage tanks from the property in 1992. Cleanup of contaminated soil appeared to be 90 percent complete in 1993, but gasoline levels in three of

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— Craig Tarporff
Alderman

the six monitoring wells on the property continue to be well above Illinois Environmental Protection Agency standards and contamination appears to be spreading off-site.

During the most recent testing, performed last month, levels of benzene, toluene, ethylbenzene and xylenes in three of six monitoring wells remained well above those determined by EPA to be safe. And almost a foot and a half of free-product gasoline was found floating on top of the groundwater in one monitoring well.

Bob Louden of Value Environmental, based in Alton, recommended last week that a full assessment of all contamination be performed. An assessment done by SGV has defined the

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Heating aid awaits budget solution

The battle over the budget has left Madison County's federally funded heating assistance program out in the cold.

"We're still taking applications, but we're waiting for our budget," said Cheryl Joutet, Madison County Community Development director.

The county's Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program should have started Oct.

1, but the program has been stalled because of the federal government's failure to appropriate money for it, she said.

The program will begin paying qualified applicants' utility bills in the order they were received as soon as money is available, she said.

"We will state some funding. I'm confident of that. We just don't have any numbers to go

by at this time," Joutet said. She said funding for the program has been shrinking for years as the number of qualified applicants rises.

"There is more and more competition for fewer dollars," she said. "The number of people calling for appointments is just unbelievable."

Applicants need to make

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Unemployment rate down in city

By Bob Slate
Staff writer

For the first time in years, the jobless rate in Granite City has fallen below that in other major Metro East cities.

Unemployment in Granite City was at 6.9 percent in October, according to figures released by the Illinois Department of Employment Security last week.

That compares favorably to unemployment for Alton (7.9 percent), Belleville (7.6 percent) and East St. Louis (10.1 percent) — the other three Metro East cities reported by IDES.

According to the latest report, 15,862 Granite City residents were employed in October.

"I'm very optimistic about Granite City's future and this is a good indicator that things are really looking up for our community," Mayor Ron Selph said.

He said establishment of tax increment financing districts at Granite City Steel, American Steel and in the city's downtown central business district have helped employment.

"I guess all this work is paying off," Selph said.

The October jobless rate in Granite City was six-tenths of a percentage point lower than that in September and a full point lower than at the same time last year.

The October jobless rate for the region that includes Madison, (See RATE, Page 10A)



(Staff photo by JOHN FRESE)

Champion — Lake Elementary School Principal Nancy Sanders announces that Mallory Parker will represent the school in the third-grade category at the district spelling bee Saturday at Coolidge Middle School. Runner-up Andrew Daniels is behind Parker. Each elementary school competition winner from third through sixth grade will meet at Coolidge Middle School in a districtwide competition.

Filling a void

New center will offer care for children — at night

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

A newspaper article and a desire to work for herself led Vicki Divine of Madison to start a home night care business for children.

After almost five months of working on zoning, permits and other state and local requirements, Divine is ready to start and is now looking for customers. Her business Forty Winks — is located in the 1800 block of Third Street in Madison.

It will be the only licensed night care facility in the area, according to the Children's Home & Aid Society of Illinois.

In a report released earlier this summer, the U.S. Department of Labor Woman's Bureau released a report on child care during non-traditional hours.

The report — "Care Around the Clock: Developing Child Care Resources Before Nine and After Five" — showed

finding decent child care is very difficult for the almost one in five full-time workers who have jobs with non-standard hours.

Divine said she became interested in it after seeing an article in the *Granite City Press-Record*.

"There is a real need for it

from what I've seen," Divine said. "It's really hard on people who work nights."

The Labor Department study showed approximately 7.2 million mothers with 1.7 million children under age 15 work full- or part-time nonstandard hours in 1990, the most recent year available.

That number is expected to grow with the trend toward a more service-based economy because service jobs have the highest and fastest growing percentage of shift workers.

CHASI officials said local conditions mirror those in the national study.

In this area, changes in the family structure and large numbers of shift workers make finding child care difficult.

Most people use relatives and friends as babysitters.

Divine — who has nine years

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Champs — Winners in the Journal Halloween coloring contest in three age groups are shown in separate photos. In photo above, 1st place: Patrick McGowan, 2nd grade; 2nd place: Sean Halbrook, 1st grade; 3rd place: Lesley Whitford, 2nd grade. In center photo, 1st: Chevala Davenport, 4th grade; 2nd: Monica Ozanick, 3rd grade; 3rd: Amanda Marti, 3rd grade. At bottom, 1st: Misty Hanson, 6th grade; 2nd: Danielle Waligorski, 6th grade; 3rd: Rebecca Stewart, 6th grade. More than 700 entries were received.



Venice woman shot in accident

A Venice woman was treated and released from an area hospital after being shot by her daughter Thursday afternoon.

The incident is being treated as an accidental shooting, and no charges were filed. According to police reports, the woman's daughter was examining a loaded .25 caliber pistol when it went off, striking her in the arm.

Police received a 911 call at about 3 p.m. When police arrived, emergency workers were treating the woman, who was lying on the kitchen floor.

She was taken to St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City and was released several hours later.

The woman's daughter said she had been sitting at the kitchen table looking at the pistol when she noticed the magazine was missing. She then pulled the trigger, and the pistol fired.

The bullet struck her mother in the arm, went through and lodged in fatty tissue. It was removed at the hospital. Police seized the pistol and a loaded magazine as evidence.

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Lutheran school receives funding for equipment

Metro East Lutheran High School has received a \$1,000 grant from the Aid Association for Lutherans to buy computer equipment.

The Edwardsville school is one of 96 Lutheran high schools nationwide to receive part of \$840,000 in funds donated by the AAL, a fraternal society based in Appleton, Wis. The grants are awarded under the organiza-

tion's Lutheran High School Enrichment Program, which has distributed more than \$10.5 million since 1983.

Metro East principal Sigmund Bohnet said the grant will help the school by providing equipment for the student academic management program.

— From the Alton Telegraph

Madison OKs purchase; drug policy protested

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

The Madison City Council has approved the purchase of equipment for the street department at a total cost of \$165,891.

The council last week approved the purchase of a front-end loader from Erb Equipment Companies of Benton for \$78,111, and a new garbage truck from Key Equipment in St. Louis for \$87,780.

The council declined to approve a \$15,000 trade-in on the city's existing front-end loader.

The cost for both pieces of equipment will be paid over a 48-month period and is being financed by the companies. Part of the cost of the front-end loader will be paid by Motor Fuel Tax funds, and the garbage truck will be paid for

from money set aside from trash fees.

The council also ordered City Attorney Casper Nighossian to prepare a resolution for a tax levy to pay for the equipment, if necessary. However, Finance Committee Chairman John Hamm said the tax would probably be unnecessary and would be abated.

The city used that method to pay for the purchase of four new police cars recently.

In another Street Department matter, Nighossian said the city and Teamsters Local 525 will be negotiating the disciplinary action on the council's new drug policy for heavy equipment operators.

At the last meeting, the council approved a federally-mandated policy on drug or alcohol abuse by people operating heavy equipment. The policy — which goes into effect

Jan. 1 — calls for the immediate dismissal of any worker found to be operating heavy equipment while under the influence or in possession of alcohol or drugs.

The council could have chosen a less severe punishment that included treatment for workers, but picked termination. Hamm, who was absent when the policy was approved, said the contract would require negotiation of the discipline policy.

"The only thing negotiable is the discipline," he said.

Mayor John Bellcoff, a staunch supporter of the new policy, said some workers had complained about the new policy.

"If they're clean, they have nothing to worry about," he said at Tuesday's meeting. "If they're not, they have something to think about."

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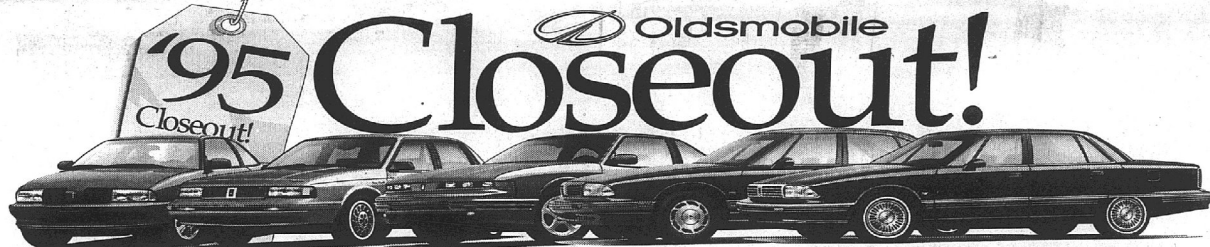
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My view

Lying down on the job was not a laughing matter

I love the fall of the year. A cruise through Pere Marquette State Park and down the Great River Road never fails to charge up my emotional batteries and prepare me for the dreary winter ahead. Each fall when my wife and I view the fall colors, we inevitably reminisce about the time years ago, when both our children were small, we visited Truman Reservoir in west-central Missouri to view the fall spectacular. At the time, Truman Reservoir had just opened to the public and was little used.

One magnificent fall afternoon, we located a marina where we could rent a rowboat with a small motor and puttered out onto the nearly empty lake. I wanted to watch the sunset from the lake so I throttled the engine back to an idle, stretched myself across the seat, stuffed a pillow behind my head and lay back to enjoy nature.

After about 10 minutes of puttering along, a boat drew up a few feet away and the driver waved to us. We all waved back and returned to our nature watching.

The boat circled us and the driver waved again, this time with even more enthusiasm. "The natives seem friendly today," I commented as I settled back against my pillow.

Now our visitor circled us and turned on a blue light. I noticed he put on a Smokey Bear hat. I sat up, cut the motor and threw him a line.

"What's wrong, officer?" I inquired. "Sir, do you realize that you were operating that boat in a prone position?" he responded in a firm, authoritarian voice.

"Certainly. That's because I was lying down."

"Do you realize that you were steering with your feet?" His voice got even deeper.

"That's because I was in a prone position, officer."

"Do you realize that there is a law against operating a boat in such a manner?" His brow was furrowed. Obviously, Missouri was not about to allow criminals to maim their



Don Miller

lakes. "I thought the rule was that you shouldn't stand up in a boat. I never heard you couldn't lie down." My daughters began to giggle.

Smokey was starting to get red in the face. "You were also leaving a wake. This is a no-wake area."

"A no-wake area? I'm in the center of 200,000 acres of water."

My wife and children began to roar with laughter. "Everyone shut up!" I ordered. "Don't pay them any attention, officer. They've been out in the sun all day."

Smokey turned bright red and started writing in his book. "I read about nuts like you in the paper all the time."

"Every week," my helpmate offered. "Smiley continued to write. 'That was just a little joke, officer. You see my husband writes...'"

Smokey looked angry, very angry. This is not good, I thought. I was relieved to see that Smokey wasn't wearing a gun. Then I realized he might have a spear gun in the boat like Lloyd Bridges on "Sea Hunt."

I could just see the headline: "Publisher speared in the prone position."

"Don't pay them any attention, officer. Actually, I've never seen them before. They just asked for a ride at the last marina. They're just homeless boat people. And I didn't mean to leave a wake. I never leave a wake, honest."

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Smokey handed me a ticket. I was cited for "operating a boat in the prone position" plus "steering with his feet."

Suddenly it dawned on my jolly companions that this was serious. "You're not really giving him a ticket?" my wife asked.

"I'm not going to cite you for leaving a wake, but next time there better not be any wake at all or I will." Smokey pulled his hat down tight, slammed his boat into gear and roared off. He was definitely leaving a wake.

The sunset was long gone. My family was having such a good time they never noticed. I headed back toward the marina, slowly.

"How do you do it?" my wife asked. "All alone on 200,000 acres of water and you get a ticket!"

"Drop dead," I politely suggested.

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Lisa Fanning displays one of the coats collected for Native Americans.

For Native Americans Winter clothing sought

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

Area steelworkers are taking part in a two-state drive to collect 28,000 new or slightly used coats and other winter clothing for Native Americans in South Dakota.

The local drop-off point for the drive is USWA Local 67, 2334 East 25th St., Granite City.

The deadline is Thursday, Nov. 30. The drive started after Barry Fischer, a machinist with local 1010 at Inland Steel in northern Indiana, visited the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation.

"What we saw of their living conditions and heard from those that we spoke with moved us deeply and stirred our sense of compassion to find a way to help them through the winter," Fischer said in a letter sent to local union officials. "We need community support to insure that this coat drive will become a success. It is only through the efforts of people in our community reaching out with people in

other communities that the needs of all of us can be met."

The drive is being held throughout District 7, which includes Illinois and Indiana. George J. Knecht, director of subdistrict 2, appealed for help from union members.

"The Pine Ridge Reservation is the most impoverished of all the Indian reservations in the United States," he said. "Unemployment currently stands at 80 percent with virtually no opportunity for change and our government continues to drastically reduce federal assistance programs which help these people survive."

Lisa Fanning, office manager for Local 67, said support is starting to pick up locally. "We are really starting to get quite a collection of clothing," she said. "We're doing fairly well so far."

Cash donations are also being accepted. Checks should be made out to N.A.A.I.C.E. The items will be delivered in the first week of December. For information, call 452-3400.

World AIDS Day observance set for Friday

The eighth annual observance of World AIDS Day will take place Dec. 1, with the theme "Shared Rights, Shared Responsibilities."

The intent is to emphasize the rights each person has in avoiding the infection; the right

to health care for those infected; and the right to respect and personal freedom. One hundred and ninety countries around the world have designated this day to draw public attention to the AIDS pandemic.

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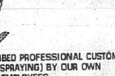
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The economic future of Madison and St. Clair counties is improving, according to a report from Leadership Council Southwestern Illinois.

The report indicates that housing starts in Madison County grew by 8.5 percent in 1994 to 1,124, up from 1,055 in 1993. The report also cites about \$208 million in actual and potential commercial investment in the two counties. The report mentions \$25 million in planned improvements to the Alton Landing, the city of Alton's \$6.8 million riverfront marina under construction and the recently completed \$3.1 million East Alton Ice Rink. Other major investments cited in the report include the recently opened Alton Multispecialists building, \$4 million; \$15.1 in renovations currently under way at the Alton Mental Health Center; \$105 million in planned and completed improvement projects at Shell Oil Co. in Roxana; and the planned \$80 million Polasky Energy Corp. plant in Wood River.

According to the report, Madison and St. Clair counties have seen an average 1.9 percent annual job growth since 1981.

Revival at Briarcliff Pentecostal

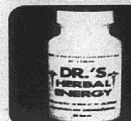
Briarcliff Pentecostal Church, 1120 W. Pontoon Road, will present the Rev. Earl Moore at the church's revival, to be held at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 1; 6 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 2; and 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 3.

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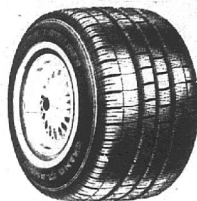
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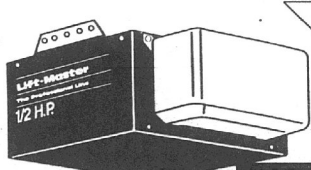
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Calendar

Our event calendar also includes entries for community groups and their normal meeting days. Such groups meet on the first Monday of the month, the first Tuesday of the month, etc. Readers are encouraged to call these groups if holidays or other days pose uncertainty.

Corrections, additions and deletions of information are encouraged, and new entries may be added at anytime by calling the newroom at 876-2000.

This calendar runs in every Wednesday's Journal.

Wednesday, Nov. 29

Disabled American Veterans Chapter 33 will offer a service officer from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Tri-City Veterans Home, located at 1417 19th St., in Granite City. Call 876-7816 for more information.

Pulmonary Support Group, for persons with diagnosed lung condition, 11 a.m. to noon in 4-Doctors Solarium, St. Elizabeth Medical Center, 798-3019. Singles Connection will hold a reception and introductory meeting at 7 p.m. at the Edwardsville Inn's Restaurant. Call Sandy at 944-1283 for more information.

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Parents Anonymous Group, meets 6 to 8 p.m. For information on where meeting will be held, call Elaine Landolt, 462-2714.

Stress Management Class, 7 to 8 p.m. at Mental Health Services, 50 Northgate Industrial Drive, Granite City. For people who want to know what causes stress and how it affects their lives, and what they can do about it. For more information call 877-4420. Fees are based on a sliding income scale.

Madison Community Action Group, meets at 7 p.m. For more information call Dan at 462-2338 or Diane at 876-1360.

Thursday, Nov. 30
Chouteau Township Senior Citizens, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.,

Social Center, 908 Thorngate Drive, Mitchell.
Eagle Park Acre Seniors of Madison meet from 10 a.m. to noon at 100 Hill St. (rear), Eagle Park Acres, Madison.

Granite City Community Band rehearsals, 7:30 to 9 p.m., St. John United Church of Christ, 201 Nameoki Road, Granite City, 951-0448.

Friday, Dec. 1

Granite City Eagles Auxiliary 1126 will sponsor a dessert sale from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Eagles Home, 2586 Madison Ave. in Granite City. Proceeds benefit the Golden Eagle Fund.

Greater Beneficial Union of Pittsburgh, District 491, Granite City Council, meets at 8 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 4225 Old Alton Road, Granite City. James P. Reagan, president, can be reached at 288-7396; and Mary Solomon, secretary, can be reached at 451-9291.

Friday Afternoon Pinocchio Club for seniors 55 and over meets at 12:30 p.m. at the Harold Brown Building, Franklin Avenue and Pontoon Road. Call 877-0350 for more information.

STEMSS (Support Together for Emotional and Mental Serenity and Sobriety), A support group for people with a mental illness and an alcohol or substance abuse problem, meets from 1 to 3 p.m. at the St. Elizabeth Medical Center. Call 798-3604 for more information.

Al-Anon, 9:30 a.m., 1111 Club, 2116 Edison, Granite City, 307-6600.
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Saturday, Dec. 2

Polish Pierogi Sale, Sacred Heart Polish National Catholic Church, 930 Reynolds, Madison, 9 a.m. to noon. Seven varieties: cabbage, cheese, kraut, potato, sausage and kraut, plum pudding and taco. Carry-outs only, \$6 per dozen. Cooked and ready to heat and eat. Order ahead by calling 876-5860, 931-3357 or 876-3696.

Rescue Mission, 1536 Fourth St., Madison, food pantry is open from 9 a.m. to noon. Samuel Turner is the chairman. Valonda Turner is the secretary and Alfred Turner is the pastor.

Sunday, Dec. 3

The Pontoon Beach Jaycees regular meeting is held at 7:30 p.m. at Ralph and Charlie's Steak House. The meetings are open and the public is invited.

Senior Social Club, meets at the Township Hall, doors open at 12:30 p.m. bingo and games start at 2 p.m. Call 877-1215 for more details.

Eagles Auxiliary 1126 Bingo, 1 p.m. at the Nameoki Bingo Center. Also included will be a color raffle, 50/50 drawing free games and other raffles.

Overeaters Anonymous, meets at 2 p.m. in the Westman Room, first floor, St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City.

Monday, Dec. 4

Disabled American Veterans Chapter 33 Auxiliary, 1417 19th St., Granite City, 876-7816, 8 p.m.

Quad City Youth Fellowship Adult Board, 2257 Cleveland, 7 p.m., 931-3460 or 877-4848.

Camera Explorers Club, Hartford Public Library, 143 W. Hawthorne St., 7 p.m., call Beverly Zager, 254-9384.

Alcoholics Anonymous, noon and 8 p.m., 2116 Club, 2116 Edison, Granite City, 1 (800) 307-6600.

Al-Anon, 9:30 a.m., 1111 Club, 2116 Edison, Granite City, 307-6600.

First Place, a Christ-centered nutrition program, meets from 6 to 7 p.m. at First Baptist Church, 2041 Delmar Ave. in Granite City.

Neglected Victims of Child Sexual Abuse, a support group for nonoffending parents of victims, meets from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville's Rape and Sexual Abuse Center. Call 692-2197 for details.

TOPS 2048 (Take Off Pounds Sensibly), 8 p.m., Mel's Price Supermarket in Granite City, 876-2124.

TOPS IL 645, 7 p.m., Anchorage Recreation Center, 2902 Edwards St., Granite City, 452-6102. Men and women welcome.

Wal-Mart Senior Citizens, bingo, 7:30 to 8:30 a.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 5

Diabetes Support Group, 1 to 3 p.m., President's Room, St. Elizabeth Medical Center, 798-3405.

Alliance for the Mentally III of Madison County, (AMI) meets 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Mental Health Center, 100 Industrial Drive, Granite City. For information call 798-3804.

Elkettes, Granite City Lodge 1083, Maryville Road, 931-3557, 7 p.m.

Granite City Unit, Madison County Homemaker Extension Association, noon, Anchorage Recreation Center. For more information call 876-7028 or 931-9735.

Trio Unit, Madison County Homemaker Extension Association, noon, Lutheran Church, 3715 Wabash Ave., Granite City.

Pontoon Beach Library Board, Pontoon Beach Village Hall, 3910 Highway 111, 8:30 p.m.

Madison County Legal Secretaries Association, meets at 6:30 p.m. Open to everyone in legal field: attorney, legal secretaries, support staff, court reporters and court personnel. For more information call 465-4400.

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Garland's a little trickier. When placing garland, you should always start at the bottom and work your way up. It's not necessary to use one long piece of garland, so have your scissors ready. Swag the garland gracefully from branch to branch and continue around to your starting point. At this time, secure and cut the garland.

Once the garland's cut, you're ready to move up to the next row. On each succeeding row, make sure that the peaks of your new swags are centered uniformly over the valleys, but not touching, the row below.

Swags should be progressively smaller as you go up the tree. Depending on the tree's size, you'll probably have five to seven rows of tinsel garland going around it. You may also want to try placing tinsel garland deep inside the tree, where it can reflect lights.

Colorful beaded garland is something you may want to consider instead of tinsel. It's much thinner and you may need more of it, but the procedures outlined above for hanging it apply to all types of garland.

A tree's decorating isn't complete without a tree skirt. It looks great and it also goes a long way in helping to keep needles off the carpet. When placing a skirt under a real tree, always allow room for watering the tree stand.

If a string of lights on the tree should go out, don't ignore it and simply add another string. The problem may be a loose bulb... or a fault somewhere that could be hazardous.

If you have a new pet cat and this is kitty's first Christmas, beware! Cats like to climb trees, and a tree in the house offers a new adventure. It's not unusual to find an ornament or two on the floor each morning, the evidence of a nocturnal foray into the tree. Such activities can be tough to prevent, but the cat's interest in the tree usually subsides somewhat after a few days. Make sure the tree's secure, to lessen the chances of tipping.

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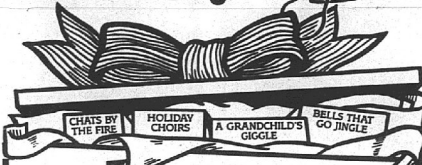
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Depressive Manic Depressive Association of Madison County will meet from 7 to 9 p.m. at St. Elizabeth Medical Center. James E. Lewis and Karl A. Strassman, co-leaders of the DMDA, will conduct the meetings. For more information, call 877-7517 or (314) 778-4929.

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The Circle of Hope, a 12-step

healing program for anyone whose life is affected by HIV infection meets at 7 p.m. at the King's House on North 66th Street in Belleville. For more information, call 294-0291.
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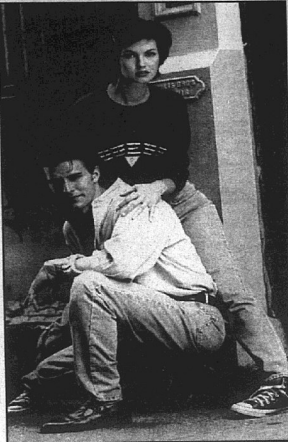
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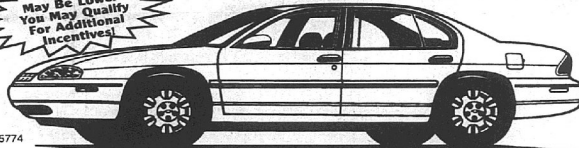
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Obituaries

Edward Camper

Edward J. Camper, 80, of Granite City died at 9:45 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 25, 1995, at his residence, following a one-year illness. He was born July 1, 1915, in St. Louis and had been a resident of Granite City for 46 years.

A switchman with the blast furnace at Granite City Steel for more than 25 years prior to his retirement in 1978, he was a member of Holy Family Catholic Church in Granite City, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1300 in Granite City and the American Association of Retired Persons. He was a World War II veteran.

Survivors include one son, Henry Camper of Granite City; one daughter, Beverly Camper of Granite City; one grandson, Richard Robert of St. Louis; one sister, Laurie Camper of St. Louis; and one grandchild.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Dove "Betty" (Perkins) Camper, who died in 1956; his second wife, Stella (Partika) Camper, who died in 1988; one stepson, James Rokita; one stepdaughter, Jeanette Edwards; his parents, Roy Byers Camper and Antonia (Olerka) Camper; one brother, Richard Camper; and one sister, Charlotte Gilla.

Services were Tuesday at Holy Family Catholic Church in Granite City with the Rev. Thomas Wilson officiating. Burial was in Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery in St. Louis County. Arrangements were handled by Thomas Memorial Mortuary in Granite City.

Memorials in the form of Masses, to the National Airline Foundation, the Sisters of Divine Providence Refuge Center or Homeless Shelter, are suggested.

Alexis Burton

Alexis Nicole Burton, 12 days, of Granite City died at 6:45 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 25, 1995, at Cardinal Glennon Hospital in St. Louis. She was born Nov. 13, 1983, in Granite City.

Survivors include her parents, Stephanie Muller and Brian Burton of Granite City; her grandparents, Beverly Sargent of Florissant, Mo., Anthony and Dana Bergiel of Edwardsville and Joseph and Kenny Muller of Granite City; her great-grandparents, Perry and Robert Werner and Julia Sikas, all of Granite City; and one sister, Marie Barnes.

Arrangements are pending with

of O'Fallon and Anthony and Frances Bergiel of Fairmont City; and her great-grandmother, Mildred Smith of Granite City.

Services were Tuesday at Holy Rosary Catholic Church in Fairmont City with the Rev. Mark D. Stec officiating. Burial was in Sunset Hill Memorial Estates in Glen Carbon.

Arrangements were handled by Warner Chapel for Funerals in Ponton Beach.

Eula Hill

Eula M. (Fries) Hill, 85, of Granite City died at 7:50 a.m. Monday, Nov. 27, 1995, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center. She was born March 28, 1907, in Sedgewickville, Mo., and had been a resident of Granite City for 47 years.

A clothing inspector with Ailright Cleaners in Granite City for seven years and a spotter with United Cleaners in St. Louis, she was a member of Bethel Chapel Pentecostal Church in Granite City and Christ the King Church in Granite City.

Survivors include one son, Richard Hill of Granite City; two stepdaughters, Earleen Hayes of Granite City and Jackie Kasper of Granite City; two sisters, Mildred Kasper and Marie Kraft, both of Overland, Mo.; six grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Earl N. Hill, who died April 15, 1992; her parents, Henry and Annie (Mastor) Fries; one brother, and three sisters.

Funeral services from 4 to 6 p.m. Tuesday, at Irwin Chapel, 3960 Mayville Road in Granite City.

Services are Tuesday at 2 p.m. Thursday at Bethel Chapel Pentecostal Church, 26th Street and Ohio in Granite City, with the Rev. Leon Bell officiating. Burial will be in Sunset Hill Memorial Estates in Glen Carbon.

Memorials are requested for Bethel Chapel Pentecostal Church or Christ the King Church.

Sally Kimbrell

Sally Ann (Gafford) Kimbrell, 86, of Granite City died at 3:54 p.m. Monday, Nov. 27, 1995, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center, following a two-year illness. She was born March 27, 1909, and had been a resident of Granite City for 50 years.

Arrangements are pending with

Thomas Memorial Mortuary, 876-4321.

John Minceff

John J. "Buster" Minceff, 46, of Orange, Texas, formerly of Granite City, died Tuesday, Nov. 21, 1995, in Victoria, Texas. He was born June 2, 1949, in Granite City and had been a resident of Orange for 18 years.

Mr. Minceff was employed with Schlumberger Service Tool Company in Dallas for 18 years. Survivors include one son, John Minceff Jr. of Orange; one daughter, Sandy Minceff of Granite City; his parents, Kathryn and Robert of Springfield, Ill.; John Kelch of Bloomington and Lena Minceff of Granite City; two brothers, Henry J. Minceff Jr. of Coatesville, Ind., and John Strider of Granite City; and five sisters, Kathleen A. Cook and Karen Booker, both of Springfield, Ill.; Sheila Kelch of Bloomington; Audrey Landau of Goodville, Ill.; and Theresa Kelly of Granite City.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Debra (Youngberg) Minceff, who he married in 1982 and who died in 1978; and his father, Henry J. Minceff Sr.

The family will receive friends from noon to 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 2, at Thomas Memorial Mortuary, 2205 Ponton Road in Granite City, where a memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday. Burial will be in DeGrand officiating. His remains were cremated.

Jane Ostresh

Jane M. (Tabot) Ostresh, 53, of Manchester, N.H., formerly of Granite City, died Wednesday, Nov. 22, 1995, at a local hospital. She was born in Lowell, N.H., and had been a resident of Manchester since 1978.

She was a graduate of St. Elizabeth's Academy and was a graduate of the Albany (N.Y.) Business Academy. She received her associates degree in marketing from the University of New Hampshire in Manchester. She had been completing courses toward her degree in paralegal studies. She held a real estate license in New Hampshire and had been employed more than 10 years as a sales manager with Benchmark Industries. She was a member of St. Peter's Roman Catholic Church in Auburn, N.H.

Survivors include her husband, H. Richard Ostresh, to whom she was married 26 years; one son, Jason R. Ostresh of Manchester; and two brothers, Donald Tabot of Convent, N.J., and Richard Tabot of Lowellville, N.H.

She was preceded in death by one daughter, Kristin Carmichael; and her parents, Francis and Hazel (Lombor) Tabot.

Graveside services and burial were held in Epiphany Cemetery in Lowellville. Arrangements were handled by Goodwin Funeral Home in Manchester.

Memorials are requested for the American Diabetes Foundation, New Hampshire Affiliate, 104 Middle St., Manchester, N.H. 03101, or the American Cancer Society, in care of Memorial, 170 Mayflower Drive, Manchester, N.H. 03104.

Arrangements are pending with

Kenneth Lee

Kenneth Everett Lee, 55, of Edwardsville died at 8 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 23, 1995, at his residence. He was born April 19, 1940, in Big Piney, Mo.

An assistant roller of the eight-inch mill at Laclede Steel in Alton, he was a U.S. Army veteran.

Survivors include his wife, Donella (Morrison) Lee, whom he married March 19, 1966, at St. Boniface Catholic Church in Edwardsville; four daughters, Cheryl and Christa Lee, both of Edwardsville, Cathie Gussweiler of Staunton and Almaran Card Washington of Scott Air Force Base; his parents, Edward and Zora (Vaughn) Lee of Rolle, Mo.; one brother, Marvin Lee of Duke, Mo.; three sisters, Norma Wolf of Granite City, Thelma Flavell of Edwardsville and Janice Lee of Rolle; and one grandchild.

Services were Monday at Weber Funeral Home in Edwardsville. Burial was in Calvary Cemetery in Glen Carbon.

Memorials are requested for the American Heart Association.

Edward Mueller

Edward Nelson Mueller, 78, of Ponton Beach died at 10:45 a.m. Friday, Nov. 24, 1995, at St. Joseph's Hospital in Belleville. He was born July 16, 1917, in Missouri.

Service station attendant and owner and operator of the Standard Filling Station in East St. Louis prior to his retirement, he was a member of the Knights of Columbus Council 4596 in Cahokia and a past president of the Live-Wire in East St. Louis.

Survivors include his wife, Agnes A. (Lemanski) Mueller, whom he married June 24, 1944, at St. Adalbert Church in East St. Louis; one son, Dennis Mueller of Glen Carbon; and two granddaughters.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Arnold Thomas Mueller and Helen W. (Matheny) Mueller; and his sister, Gloria Donovan.

Services were Monday at St. Elizabeth Catholic Church in Granite City with the Rev. Robert DeGrand officiating. Burial was in Calvary Cemetery in Glen Carbon. Arrangements were handled by Hebert A. Kasaly Funeral Home in Collinsville.

Memorials to the donor's choice are suggested.

Louise Gosha

Louise Mitchell Gosha, 81, of Collinsville, formerly of Granite City, died at 9:25 p.m. Friday, Nov. 24, 1995, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center after she suddenly collapsed.

Ms. Gosha was born Aug. 6, 1914, in Cumberland City, Tenn., and had been a resident of Granite City for 53 years prior to moving to Collinsville 13 years ago.

A homemaker, she was of the Pentecostal faith. Survivors include her husband, Jesse O. Gosha; one daughter, Irma Beadle of Collinsville; three stepsons, Larry Gosha of Hillsboro, Mo., Edward Gosha of Glen Carbon and Jon Gosha of O'Fallon; four stepdaughters, Kay Munce and Joyce Stewart, both of O'Fallon; June Taylor of Albers and Viola Young of Granite City and Sylvia Young of Collinsville; two sisters, Viola Young of Granite City and Sylvia Young of Collinsville; one grandchild; and 13 great-grandchildren.

Arrangements are pending with

She was preceded in death by one daughter, Marlene Jett, who died in 1978; her parents, Luther and Ida (Mathis) Gudel; one brother, John Gosha; and one sister, Harriet Mueller. Arrangements are pending with Warner Chapel for Funerals, 3939 Lake Drive in Ponton Beach, 797-1009.

Tommy Gibson

Tommy W. Gibson, 39, of Granite City died at 11:38 p.m. Friday, Nov. 24, 1995, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center, following a sudden illness. He was born March 3, 1956, in Granite City, where he had been a lifelong resident.

A member of the Granite City Four-square Pentecostal Church, he was a U.S. Army veteran.

Survivors include his parents, William and Ruby (Payne) Gibson of Granite City; three brothers, Larry and Ronnie Gibson, both of Granite City and Bill Gibson of Edwardsville; and one sister, Brenda Gibson of Granite City.

Arrangements are pending with Weber Chapel for Funerals, 3939 Lake Drive in Ponton Beach, 797-1009.

Raymond Schmidt

Raymond F. "Chevonne" Schmidt, 58, of Edwardsville died at 10:45 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 25, 1995, at Memorial Hospital in Belleville. He was born July 15, 1937, in Red Bud.

Mr. Schmidt was a checker with National Booksheds. Survivors include two sons, Tim and Tom Schmidt, both of Granite City; three daughters, Teresa McIntosh and Penny Temple, both of Granite City, and Tina Tucker of Caseyville; one sister, Betty Benson, of Woodport; and 10 grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Edward and Hulda (Winkelman) Schmidt.

Services are at 10 a.m. today, Wednesday, at St. Joseph's Church, 392 W. Lincoln in Belleville. Burial will be in Valhalla Gardens of Memory in Belleville.

Memorials to the family of Raymond Schmidt are suggested.

Ruth Straube

Ruth F. (Ludmann) Straube, 74, of Marine, formerly of Granite City and St. Jacob died at 1:05 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 26, 1995, at Anderson Hospital in Marysville. She was born Jan. 16, 1921, in East St. Louis and had been a resident of Granite City from 1945 to 1951 and St. Jacob for seven years.

A 1939 graduate of Granite City High School, she attended Miss Hickey's Business School in St. Louis. She was employed with an insurance company in St. Louis, E. W. Dodge Reports in St. Louis, the Seattle-Tacoma Ship Yards and Pineblow Tire and Rubber Co. on the West Coast while her husband was in the military before going to work at the U.S. Army Depot in Granite City; she quit that job in 1945.

Ms. Straube was a member of United Church of Christ in St. Louis, where she was part of the Women's Guild.

Survivors include her husband, Harold C. Straube, whom she married Oct. 22, 1942, at St. John United Church of Christ in St. Louis; four sons, Neil H. Straube of Marine, Robert E. Straube of New Douglas, Jeffrey W. Straube of Highland and Jonathan F. Straube of

Pocahontas; two sisters, Evelyn Kay and Mildred Mueller, both of Edwardsville; 12 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, John and Lena (Berke) Mueller; and one sister, Harriet Mueller. Services are at 10 a.m. today, Wednesday, at Spengel-Bouffard Funeral Home, 1501 North St. in Highland, with the Rev. Margaret W. Bloesch officiating. Burial will be in Sunset Hill Memorial Estates in Glen Carbon.

Memorials are requested for United Church of Christ of Marine.

Angel Lawrence

Angel Lawrence, 12, of Detroit, formerly of Madison, died Saturday, Nov. 18, 1995, in Detroit. She was born May 28, 1983, in Belleville and had been a resident of Detroit for nine years.

Angel was a seventh-grade honor roll student at Woodrow Wilson School in Detroit.

Survivors include her father, Mitchell Atley of East St. Louis; her mother, Cheryl Lawrence of Detroit; two sisters, Kuzhenia and Dalida Lawrence, both of Detroit; and her grandmother, Maybelle Lawrence of Madison.

Services will be held at Nash Funeral Home in East St. Louis with the Rev. David W. Officiating. Burial was in Holy Cross Cemetery in Fairview Heights.

Lizzie Niehaus

Lizzie E. (Rosenthal) Niehaus, 95, of Granite City, formerly of Litchfield, died at 3:30 a.m. Monday, Nov. 27, 1995, at Colonnades Nursing Home. She was born Dec. 25, 1898, in New Douglas.

Mrs. Niehaus was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church in rural Litchfield, where she was part of the Ladies Aid.

Survivors include one son, the Rev. Donald Niehaus of New Douglas; one daughter, Esther Buske of Granite City; one brother, Alvin Rosenthal of New Douglas; and 13 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Herman Niehaus, whom she married Nov. 20, 1919, in New Douglas, and who died Aug. 14, 1971; one son, Robert H. Niehaus; her parents, Mr. and Mrs. (Helen) Rosenthal; four brothers, Robert, Walter, Ervin and Milton Rosenthal; and one sister, Emma Eickmeyer.

Services are at 11 a.m. today, Wednesday, at Trinity Lutheran Church in Litchfield with the Rev. Paul Lillif officiating. Burial will be in Elm Lawn Cemetery in Litchfield. Arrangements are being handled by Plummer Funeral Home in Litchfield.

Memorials are requested for Trinity Lutheran Church.

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Providence Health Services recognizes 20

Providence Occupational Health Services, a division of St. Elizabeth Health Services, recognized 20 associates at its annual awards appreciation dinner held recently at the Sunset Hills Country Club in Edwardsville.

Ginny Lepping, executive vice president, opened the celebration by welcoming about 70 associates and guests. She expressed her appreciation to all associates "for a job well done."

Ted Ellerman, chief executive officer and president of St. Elizabeth Medical Center, addressed the gathering regarding changes in health care. Following his comments he presented Lepping with her 10-year service pin and commended her

on her hard work and dedication. Associates and guests were entertained and mystified by magician Grant Wueller and delighted by Ellerman's display of good sportsmanship by participating in the magic act. Other participants included Lepping and Murrell Harmon, who ultimately entertained and mystified Wueller.

Following the banquet, Providence associates were presented with one, three-, five- and 10-year service pins.

For 10 years of service: Ginny Lepping, Karen Langendorf, Judy Greco and Diane Pedigo.

For five years of service: Terry Watkins.

For three years of service: Ruth Ann Gabriel, Linda Resih, Deanna Politte, Don Dudack, Cindy Rodgers and Sandy Datto.

For one year of service: Shane Watson, Patty Morrow, Bonnie Gamble, Wendy McLean Corbella, Sandy Crippin, Kathy Exton, Shirley Judd and Janet Goeller.

Lepping presented a special certificate of appreciation to Murrell Harmon, who started volunteering for Providence in October 1981. She volunteers three days a week and has logged more than 11,000 hours of volunteer time. Harmon is one of five volunteers who has reached the 10,000-hour mark with St. Elizabeth Health Services.

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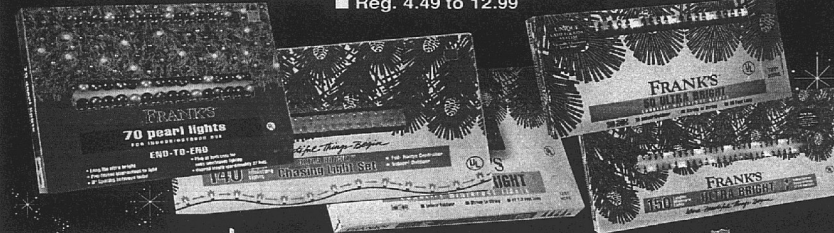
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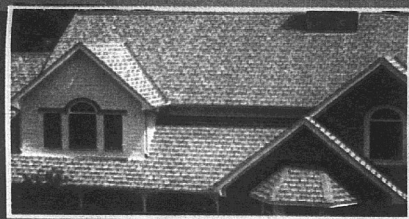
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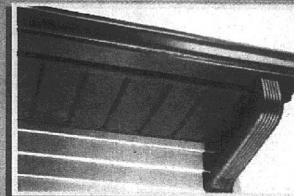
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LOCAL JOURNAL SPORTS

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Warriors host the Triad
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SUNDAY



Basketball Preview

Improved Warriors prepared for battle

By Rob Raphael
Staff writer

All signs point to a improved Granite City Warrior basketball team this year, but there's still one thing the Warriors need.

"From the beginning of practice, we've improved greatly," said GCHS coach John Van Buskirk. "I'm not satisfied yet with a lot of things, but we're improving."

"Now we just need a game. We've been practicing long enough. It's time to see what they can do."

YOU ASKED FOR IT, coach, you've got it. The Warriors will begin their season Friday night when they host the Triad Knights. Action begins at 6:15 with the JV matchup, and the varsity game should get underway around 8 p.m.

After a disappointing 5-19 record in 1994-95, Van Buskirk is ready to get going.

"We've been trying to do a lot of individual things, getting everyone in top shape and doing a lot of shooting. The last few days we've gone back to team play, and we're working on running plays and working on defense."

"Right now, everybody is healthy. We've got a few taped ankles and fingers, but nothing serious. We're ready to play a game."

Triad comes in off of a disappointing season of their own. Expected to challenge for a sectional title, the Knights instead finished 13-13. Gone is all-area standout Chris McMillin, who until recently was to play for Kaskaskia College.

BUT RETURNING ARE BIG GUNS Nathan Taylor and Josh Cigliana.

Granite City will once again feature a three-guard offense, with returning players Jay Simpson, Kyle Briggs and Steve Logan.

Simpson, a 5-foot-11 senior, was at times the only offensive weapon the Warriors had. With some help, he can be a great scorer, but Van Buskirk was quick to add that's not all Simpson will be this year.

"Not too many people realize how hard he's worked on the other parts of his game the last couple of years. He's not just a shooter anymore," Van Buskirk said.

All three of the starting guards can bring the ball down the floor and distribute. Briggs (5-11) was counted on heavily as a sophomore last year, and will be relied on again.

"We'll be asking him to do some scoring as well this year," said Van Buskirk. "Last year, that was about the only thing we didn't ask him to do."

Logan, a 6-1 senior, is one of the better defenders on the team, and his quickness adds another dimension to the Warrior attack.

"He's the quickest kid we have on the team," said Van Buskirk. "He has the ability to penetrate and give off to one of the big men underneath."

Although GCHS doesn't have a true center, they aren't tiny in the middle, either. Dustin Brewer, a 6-6 sophomore, has the size to hold his ground under the basket, and will see plenty of playing time at forward-center. Jeff Wallis is a 6-3 senior who has a good shooting touch, and Bobby Ellis (6-1, senior) has a knack for rebounding.

(Photo by T.W. MILLER)

Returning junior Kyle Briggs has increased duties this season.



Madison on way to respectability

By Rob Raphael
Staff writer

Hopefully, Madison's showing against Collinsville on Saturday is a sign of things to come. The Trojans at least got the Kahoks' attention, which is half the battle.

"We want some respect this year," said Madison coach Al Collins. "I'm feeling pretty good about the way we played Saturday night. We had one bad shooting quarter, and that did us in."

Madison's 72-58 loss to the Kahoks — at Fletcher Gymnasium — is not a bad way to begin a season. Playing in the Kahok's den can do in the best area teams.

"Hey, we were ready to play," said Collins. "It's basically a situation where they pay us to come in and get killed; only we didn't just roll over for them and play dead."

The Trojans played right with Collinsville for three quarters, but a cold-shooting spell in the third quarter doomed the Trojans.

Still, Madison got very balanced scoring in the game — a good sign for Collins.

Maurice Baker, a 6-foot-6 sophomore guard, topped the Trojans with 11 points; while 6-4 senior Kevin Bradley scored nine points, grabbed 12 rebounds and blocked two shots.

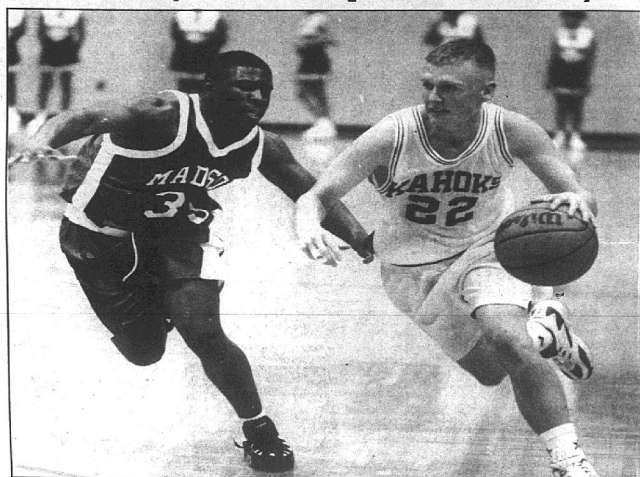
COLLINS ALSO GOT A surprising performance from Turry Watson, a senior guard-forward who is playing his first year of varsity ball. Watson also scored nine points.

Junior Demond Simms added eight points and picked up six rebounds; and newcomer Tywansley Patten added six points. Milan Jones added five points, while Tony Smith and Darrin Howard added three points each. Eddie Thomas finished the Trojan tally with two points. That's nine different Trojans on the scoreboard.

"I WAS IMPRESSED with my boys," Collins said. "It was a good, steady performance, and it gives us something to build on. It could be a good year for us, and I think we might surprise some people."

One element missing Saturday night — and one that is missing for quite a long time — was 6-6 center Alvin Valentine, who is academically ineligible until at least the end of the year.

(See MADISON, Page 3B)



Madison's Harry Thomas (35) chases Collinsville's Andy McFall. Madison lost the season opener 72-58.

Promise shown in season opener

By Brian Bretsch
Staff writer

CHS senior Derek Dust was silent on the court for most of the first quarter in the Kahoks 72-58 home opening win against Madison Saturday night.

The final three quarters Dust got into one of those "zones" players and coaches talk about.

He started driving toward the bucket like a senior playing in his last home and not the season opener. Dust scored 30 points in the final three quarters to finish the game with 32 points.

"He just played like he has been playing all during the preseason," CHS coach Bob Bone said. "He has been our most consistent player for us. He just played the same way tonight. It's nothing ever spectacular. It's just a couple of layups here, put backs there and a couple of free throws."

Dust sank 16 of 17 free throws in the game and was a perfect 10-for-10 in the fourth quarter. As the game became more physical in the second half, the more Dust kept driving to the basket.

"The biggest change in Derek Dust this year from previous years is he just has a more

positive approach to what is going on," Bone said. "It's kind of like whatever he needs to do he is willing to do. Before he tried to analyze a lot of things and now he is just having a good time and playing."

As expected there were opening-night jitters for both teams in the first quarter. Both teams had difficulties getting the ball to drop through the hole.

Sophomore Maurice Baker gave the Trojans their biggest lead of the game, 8-2, when he hit a jumper.

The Kahoks came right back on the strength of back-to-back treys from Andy McFall and Melvin Cochran to tie it at 8-all. The Kahoks then took the lead for good on Craig Walker's layup and eventually led 14-10 after the first quarter.

The two teams exchanged buckets evenly throughout the second quarter. Dust made one of two free throws in the final seconds of the first half to give the Kahoks a 32-26 halftime lead.

The third quarter ended up being the turning point as Madison had all sorts of troubles on both sides of the ball.

Madison junior Kevin Bradley converted an

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(Photo by T.W. MILLER)

Above, returning starter Donald Harris will play forward-center.

Red devils may shock again; Freeburg Midgets first test

By Rob Raphael
Staff writer

The Venice Red Devils surprised many a team last year, but that's not going to be so easy this time around.

Venice, a 15-14 team in 1994-95, shocked teams like Columbia and Gibault last year by playing sound on both ends of the floor. The only thorn in the Devils' side last year was Freeburg, who beat Venice twice — including the first-round regional game last year.

"It's going to be even tougher this year," said Clinton Harris, who is beginning his hopefully lucky 13th season with the Red Devils. "Last year, with all the young players we had, I figured a lot of teams would take us lightly. But that's probably not going to be the case this time."

Speaking of Freeburg, Venice was to open its season Tuesday night against the Midgets at the Venice High gym. It marks the beginning of a season-opening home stand for the Devils.

"We open with five of six at home," said Harris, "and that should help us get off on the right foot. We started off slowly last season, and it took us all year to dig ourselves out of that hole."

However, after the first five home games, Venice has only two remaining home games over the last two months of the season. The Devils play at least six straight away from home beginning in late December, and that total could be more if they advance in their two scheduled tournaments: Dec. 26-30 at Columbia and Jan. 16-20 at Sparta.

Harris will count on three returning starters in '95-'96. That total would have been four, but guard Ron Taylor moved out of the district and will play at Cahokia this year.

Still, Harris has returning starter Donald Harris, a 6-foot-2 senior forward-center, who can figuratively leap right out of most gyms. Also back is forward Keita Kennedy, a 6-2

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Venice coach

senior forward.

Kennedy was the focus of most defenses last year, but teams found out that he was not the only Venice threat. If the reverse is true this year, Kennedy could be left free to have a big offensive season.

Anchoring the guard position will be the third returning starter, Charles Cotton. Harris said the 6-4 freshman still has a lot to learn, but the more he plays the better he will get.

"He has a good knowledge of the game for his age. Once he learns the system, he'll be a good player," he said.

Another JV player from last year, Hagan McDonald, a 6-3 swing player who could also see time at the post. McDonald hurt his ankle in practice last week, or otherwise he would likely have started against Freeburg. With him hurting, Harris said he would have started Cotton Tuesday night.

Harris will be looking to younger players for

(See VENICE, Page 3B)



Art
Voellinger

'Holding back' ages roster

Without taking anything from the lustiness of a national tournament appearance by Belleville Area College, a state championship by Mater Dei High School and another state appearance by Belleville West, the volleyball season drew my interest via a matter I never thought would reach women's sports.

Readers of this corner know I annually report on the ages of the players involved in the boys Class A and AA basketball tournaments because of the number of 19 and older players involved.

Basketball, for obvious reasons, has been related to what some folks term "holding back" in regards to a boy's grade in school. Simply put, more often than not, the team with the older players generally wins more games.

And since the Illinois High School Association has put a stamp of approval on players being allowed to compete even

(See HOLDING, Page 3B)

Sports shorts

Club Volleyball tryouts
The Granite City Volleyball Club is announcing tryouts for girls for three separate teams beginning on Dec. 3, 1995 at the Granite City High School small (girls) gym.
The club will have teams in the 14-under, 16-under and 18-under age groups. Tryouts for the 14-under team will be from 1-4 p.m., and the tryouts for the 16-under and 18-under teams will be from 5-8 p.m.
There is a \$2.50 non-refundable tryout fee to cover insurance during the tryouts. A parent or guardian must accompany the athlete at the beginning of the session to fill out registration forms which allow the athlete to be eligible to participate.
For more information, call Club Coordinator Mike Harris at 452-2317.

Elks under-18 tryouts
The Granite City Elks boys' under-18 team, for boys born between Aug. 1, 1977 and July 31, 1978, will hold open tryouts for the 1996 competitive/travel soccer season.
Tryouts will be held at the Quad Cities Soccer Complex at North Street and Illinois Route 3 in Granite City on Thursday, Nov. 30 and Tuesday, Dec. 5 from 6-8 p.m.
Interested boys should wear white shirts and shin guards. Each player should bring a No. 5 soccer ball and a non-refundable copy of their birth certificate with a small passport-type photo.
For more information, call 877-5460.

Elks under-17 tryouts
The Granite City Elks boys' under-17 team, for high school aged boys born on or before Aug. 1, 1978, will be holding open tryouts for the 1996 soccer season.
Any high school boy under the age of 17 is eligible for the team. The first tryout session will be held on Saturday, Dec. 2 at 12 p.m. at the Elks Soccer Fields on the campus of Belleville Area College in Granite City. Other sessions will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 5 and Thursday, Dec. 7 at 7 p.m. at the Quad Cities Soccer Complex, North Street at Route 3, in Granite City.
Interested boys should bring a birth certificate with a small picture, as well as a soccer ball and shin guards. For more information, call 931-0717 or 931-0114.

McKendree volleyball
McKendree College will

host its annual volleyball audition for prospective players for the 1996 season on Saturday, Dec. 9. High school seniors and junior college transfers interested in attending McKendree are encouraged to attend.
The audition will take place from 9 a.m. until noon in the Melvin Price Convocation Center. Coach Melissa Jones and her current players will be on hand to discuss the program, run drills and answer questions. Members of McKendree's admissions staff will also be available for tours of the campus. Parents are encouraged to attend and players should be dressed to play.
To make a reservation, call 527-8876.

Youth baseball tryouts
St. Louis area baseball coaches will conduct tryouts for the St. Louis International Youth Baseball Association to select an all-star team to participate in a World Series in Tokyo around July 23 to Aug. 3, 1996.
Tryouts will be held from 10 a.m. to noon on Sunday, Dec. 3 and Sunday, Dec. 10 at Parkway South Senior High School, 801 Hanna Road in St. Louis. Boys born Aug. 1, 1984 or after are eligible. There is a \$10 non-refundable registration fee.
For more information, call Medlyn Levin at (314) 532-3515 (daytime) or (314) 532-2454 (evenings).

ASA umpires meeting
Umpires from the Metro St. Louis Amateur Softball Association will have a Christmas Party from noon to 5 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 10 at the ASA office, 6229 Gravois in St. Louis. Umpires should bring an unwrapped toy for needy children.

Belleville VTN tryouts
The Volleyball Training Network will be holding tryouts for the 1996 season at the Belleville Area College intramural gym. There is a \$5 non-refundable fee and a parent must attend to sign a medical release form. For more information, call Todd Gabor at 538-5131 or Merly Graf at 475-7225.
The tryout schedule is listed below:
Girls 14-under: Dec. 16, 4:30-7 p.m.; Dec. 17, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. (if necessary).
Girls 15-under: Dec. 16, 7-9 p.m.; Dec. 17, 1-3 p.m. (if necessary).

Metro ASA meeting
The Metro St. Louis Ama-

teur Softball Association will hold a Junior Olympic coaches/managers meeting at 7 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 4 at Lemmons Restaurant, 3800 Gravois in St. Louis. The restaurant will serve dinner between 5:30 and 7:30 p.m. Call (314) 832-9599 for more information.

Mathews at baseball camp
The International Athletic Foundation will be hosting a youth baseball camp Dec. 26-29 at two locations: The Ball Park in O'Fallon and Gateway Indoor Complex in St. Louis. The camp is for players ages 9-14. The cost is \$125 and includes lunch each day, a camp T-shirt, a participation certificate and an autographed photo from St. Louis Cardinals pitcher T.J. Mathews.

Mathews, a Columbia native, will be a special instructor for two days at each site. He played on an IAF team traveled to Mexico to compete in the Mexico Olympic Week in 1990 during his college playing days. Other instructors include Bob Hughes from St. Louis University, Ric Lessman from Washington University and Todd Whaley from Meramec Community College.

The winter camp is being followed by a camp at Easter from April 8-11, 1996 and then an eight-week camp in the summer running each week in June and July.

For more information, call Jim Turner at (314) 645-5496.

Roller hockey leagues
Fun Spot Skating Center in Belleville is offering roller hockey leagues for boys and girls in kindergarten through eighth grade. The \$45 fee includes two one-hour practices, six games, referees and insurance.

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Pepsi indoor tourney
The Pepsi Cola Indoor Soccer Holiday Classic Tournament will be held Dec. 22, 1995 through Jan. 2, 1996 at the Concord Indoor Sports Complex in St. Louis County.

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For more information, call John at 314-391-7227, Ron at 314-394-2029 or the Concord Sports Complex at 314-842-3153.

Basketball schedules

GRANITE CITY WARRIORS

December	
1 Triad.....	7:30 p.m.
8 at East St. Louis.....	7:30 p.m.
9 at Edwardsville.....	7:30 p.m.
15 Belleville East.....	7:30 p.m.
16 Jerseyville.....	7:30 p.m.
19 at Civic Memorial.....	7:30 p.m.
28-30 Collinsville Inv.....	TBA

January	
5 Collinsville.....	7:30 p.m.
9 Cahokia.....	7:30 p.m.
12 Alton.....	7:30 p.m.
17-20 at Salem Inv.....	TBA
26 at Belleville West.....	7:30 p.m.
27 East St. Louis.....	7:30 p.m.

February	
2 at Belleville East.....	7:30 p.m.
3 O'Fallon.....	7:30 p.m.
9 at Collinsville.....	7:30 p.m.
10 at Channahon.....	7:30 p.m.
13 at McCluer North.....	7:30 p.m.
16 at Alton.....	7:30 p.m.
21 Belleville West.....	7:30 p.m.

MADISON TROJANS

November	
25 at Collinsville.....	8 p.m.
28 at Waterloo.....	8 p.m.
29 at U City (Beaumont).....	8:30 p.m.

December	
5 at Edwardsville.....	8 p.m.
9 Alton.....	7:30 p.m.
15 Levee.....	7:30 p.m.
19 at Hillsboro.....	8 p.m.
22 at Spfld. Calvary.....	8 p.m.
28-30 at Collinsville Tourney.....	TBA

January	
5 Venice.....	7:30 p.m.
9 Berkeley.....	8:30 p.m.
12 at Pittsfield.....	7:30 p.m.
17 at McCluer.....	8 p.m.
19 at East St. Louis.....	7:30 p.m.
23 at Lebanon.....	8 p.m.
27 at Puckerville Shootout.....	8 p.m.
30 Beaumont.....	7:30 p.m.

February	
2 Gateway.....	7:30 p.m.

RJ Krause All-Stars
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10 at Greenville Shootout. 5:30 p.m.

16 Teutopolis..... 8 p.m.

VENICE RED DEVILS

November

28 Freeburg..... 8 p.m.

December

1 Springfield Calv..... 8 p.m.

5 Wesclin..... 8 p.m.

8 Sumner..... 8 p.m.

12 at Dupu..... 7:30 p.m.

14 Livingston..... 8 p.m.

21 at Normandy..... 7 p.m.

28-29 at Columbia Tourney..... TBA

January

5 at Madison..... 7:30 p.m.

13 at Poononka Shootout..... 5 p.m.

16-20 at Sparta Tourney..... TBA

23 at Metro East Luth..... 7:30 p.m.

28 at Alton..... 7:30 p.m.

27 Sparta..... 8 p.m.

30 at Columbia..... 7:30 p.m.

February

6 Gateway..... 8 p.m.

10 at Greenville Shootout..... 4 p.m.

13 at East St. Louis..... 7:30 p.m.

17 at Gibault..... 7:30 p.m.



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Eagles Auxiliary makes donations to various area groups

The first meeting of November for the Granite City Eagles Auxiliary 1126 was presided over by Joanna Spencer, president, with 25 members in attendance. The Pledge of Allegiance was given by all.

One application was read for membership and two re-enrollment applications were read and approved. Cynthia Marshall Hughes and Cathy Walteman were welcomed back.

Leroy Stark, Aerie 1126 president, and his wife, Shirley, sent a note of thanks to the auxiliary for helping to make Leroy Stark's recent birthday a happy one. He and his party attended the auxiliary breakfast on Nov. 5.

Correspondence was read from Sexual Assault Victims First, which is requesting volunteers and donations to further their ability to help women and children who are victims of assault.

Mary Korscos, past president, thanked the auxiliary for another dinner and party given in honor of the past presidents.

Emilie De Werf of the Wood River Auxiliary 2775 and District Seven trustee thanked all for

the benefit auction held to aid a family with the expenses of the husband's death and lengthy illness of Parkinson's disease and Alzheimer's disease. This auction was given by the Wood River Eagles Aerie and Auxiliary.

Evelene Ederle and Ruth Jorgensen thanked the members for the card and money donation given to them for their hard work on the bingo, which is held each Sunday at the Nameoki Bingo Center. A banquet was held for all bingo workers who had worked at least three Sundays and their guests.

A \$100 donation was to have been given to the Foursquare Church to purchase turkeys for needy people at Thanksgiving, and another \$100 donation will be given to the HOME

organization of Granite City to help with the financing of the remodeling of a home on Adams Street in Granite City. The home will later be rented to a qualifying family.

Mildred Boyd, visiting chairman, reported that get-well cards were sent to Bonnie Jacobs; Dorothy Robles, who recently had surgery and is presently in Christian Northeast Hospital;

Betty Bladdick, who is hospitalized; Virginia Hamilton and Marlene Johnson. A sympathy card was sent to Jan Hagnauer.

Spencer, state trustee, reported on her recent attendance at the Northern Zone Conference, held in Berwyn, Ill., and hosted by Berwyn Auxiliary 2125, on Nov. 4 and 5. There were 70 auxiliary members and two guests in attendance. Jorgensen, state Eagle education chairman, attended the conference and gave a brief report.

Spencer and her husband, Ken, attended the state officers' weekend in Springfield on Nov. 12 and 13. A motion was made to send a \$25 donation to help the new auxiliary get started.

The auxiliary will hold its Christmas dinner and party at 6 p.m. Dec. 12. A meeting will follow at 7:30 p.m. The initiation will not be held until 7:30 p.m. Jan. 12 at the Eagles Home, 2558 Madison Ave. in Granite City.

Again this Christmas season, the auxiliary will adopt a family for its Christmas project. This is held instead of a gift exchange.

Angie Buehler reported that the Aerie will hold a mortgage burning at 4:30 p.m. Jan. 6. The Aerie celebrated its 90th year this past October. The auxiliary members are asked to

bring along old snapshots and experiences and share them with the newer members.

Ederle, bingo chairman, gave her report. She said that the auxiliary is still holding their bingo each Sunday at the Nameoki Bingo Center and that they will have \$2,000 to share among the charities.

Chris Von Nida spoke to the membership and thanked all for the help they gave in cooking and serving the Aerie kickoff dinner, which is held each year to defray the expenses incurred for the turkey dinner, furnished to all senior citizens at the Eagles home on Thanksgiving Day.

The ritual team of pro-tem president Ann Pater, junior past president Spencer, vice president Barbara Modrusic, pro-tem chaplain Mildred Boyd, conductor Angie Buehler, and inside guard Martha Simpson, performed the initiation ceremony for two new members, Mary Church and Kathy Dehn.

Others in attendance were Katie Kostoff, Fuzz Hagnauer, Sue Allen, Becky Worley, Dorothy Landfried, Alda Yurchio, Josephine Yurko, Adele Wasylak, Sherrie Wilson, Liz Moore, Betty Taylor, Laverne Malzynski, Carol Miller and Teresa Warren.

Legion Auxiliary holds meeting

Venice-Madison Unit 307 American Legion Auxiliary held its meeting Nov. 6 in the Post 307 home in Venice. Hostesses for lunch were LaVera Johnson, Mary Ann Turner, Millie Weatherford, Dorothy Landfried and Alberta Cias. There were 26 members present.

The business meeting was conducted by Betty Wallace, president. All officers were in attendance.

A donation of \$110 was received from a chili cook-off held at Eddie's Neighborhood Bar and Grill in Granite City. The chairman of this event were Debbie Dunn, Patricia Magopian and Hank Hillmer. The money will be used for parties at the local nursing home and at the John Cochran Veterans Administration

Medical Center in St. Louis. A donation was made to the Fisher House Project and to the Parents for Special Education. Donations were made to the following auxiliary programs for the department: Americanism Fund, Auxiliary Emergency Fund, Children and Youth Fund, Illinois Girls State Fund, U.S.O. Centers, the National Security Fund, Past Presidents Nurses Scholarship Fund and the

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Seven Point Program for the VA and R.

Pauline Mersinger, community service chairman, collected \$11 for the Pilot Dog Fund. She announced bingo parties, which were held Nov. 9 and Nov. 16 at Colonial Haven and the Colonnades Nursing Home.

Dorothy Hinson, junior adviser, announced that the Unit 307 juniors received the National Award in Junior Activities for the Central Division. This was judged from a narrative report on all activities done by the junior group during 1994-95.

Norma Hillmer, membership chairman, reported that 133 members have paid their dues to date. There are still some who need to pay.

Hinson, VA and R chairman, reminded all of the bus trip to the Illinois Veterans Home in Quincy on Dec. 2, leaving the

Post 307 home at 8 a.m. The unit held a bingo party and bed-side service of refreshments at the John Cochran Veterans Administration Hospital on Nov. 16.

The Christmas Gift Shop will be held at the John Cochran Veterans Administration from Dec. 4 to Dec. 7. Volunteers for this area will accompany Dorothy Hinson to assist with the program. Christmas trees will be decorated at the hospital on Thursday, Nov. 30.

A donation will be made to the Women's Veteran War Memorial in Washington, D.C.

The next meeting will be held at 7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 4. The past presidents will be the hostesses. This will be a Christmas party. No gift exchange will be held. In lieu of this, a donation of \$2 will be given form each attendee for the Pilot Dog Fund.

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Horoscope

Wednesday, Nov. 29
The moon floats dreamily through Pisces, feeding imaginations and nourishing sensual delights. Love is evocative — a sea of sensitive emotion laps at tender hearts and urges exquisitely romantic love trysts. An indecisive mood foils early morning progress as the moon squares off with mind-whirling Mercury. Worries and tension deplete mental verve and concentration. Relax — the strain eases by mid-morning.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Foreign interests are lucky. Study, travel and community gatherings vitalize your creative punch. Tote a notepad — a flash of inspiration shimmers briefly and then dissolves. A minor morning concern punctures your self-esteem but soon passes as your usual fiery confidence returns.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You know what you want — take a circuitous path to achieve your aims. An associate is more manipulative than you realize. Don't get sucked into a losing game. A job mate's perception is flawed — place your faith in facts.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You and your partner blend creative inspirations after an early morning dispute. Fresh money possibilities emerge. An elder or an established pro becomes your mentor. Get agreements in writing — firm up details on paper.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). A job-security issue proves to be invalid. A visitor or new job mate opens a door for you — this splendid opportunity accelerates your development and brings you a chance to aid the less fortunate.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Your soaring creative powers draw attention from a well-heeled crowd. Your work and social lives merge. Wine and dine associates who can further your aims — key figures are easily swept up in your dream and play along.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Nov. 29). You vigorously construct

Movies

Film timetable for Wednesday, Nov. 29. For times on other days or to confirm these times, check local theaters.

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1-70 and Hwy. 157, Collinsville, 344-1708
Goldwyn (PG-13) 7:00, 9:45
Toy Story (G) 7:15, 9:15
Money Train (R) 7:30, 9:40
Ace Ventura 2 (PG-13) 7:00, 9:10

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Eastgate Plaza, E. Alton, 254-8288
Nick Of Time (R) 9:15, 7:45
Casino (R) 4:00, 8:00
Toy Story (G) 4:30, 6:45
Money Train (R) 8:30, 7:30
The American President (PG-13) 4:15, 7:00

It Takes Two (PG) 4:45, 7:15
COTTONWOOD EDWARDSVILLE CINEMA
Edwardsville, Ill.
Powder (PG-13) 4:15, 6:45, 9:30
Seven (R) 4:00, 7:00, 9:45
Get Shorty (R) 4:45, 7:30, 10:00

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Mortal Kombat (PG-13) 7:15, 9:15
Dangerous Minds (R) 7:00, 9:00
Babe (G) 7:05
Clueless (PG-13) 8:55

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new fortunes in '96. Conservative investments are lucky. Overextending depletes your resources. Exercise restraint. Your power and confidence soar in January. Your lover and new friends help you acquire clout. Passion sizzles until April and reignites in August. Increase home or property holdings in March. Marry in July. Take an exotic vacation in August. Your lucky numbers are 2 and 17.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Your flash of uncanny genius sparks new a creative quest. A group looks to you for guidance and inspiration. Socializing at work leads to romantic play. By afternoon, dates are arranged. Lady luck is generous.

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LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Turn a hobby into a money-making sideline — creating a home-based income by the year's end fattens your bank account in '96. An older relative's or friend's knowledge helps you. The social scene hums.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). A scintillating romance thrives with an executive type. You and your new love or friend join forces and multiply a private cash supply. A local venture pays high dividends. A new arrival is lucky.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Single parents and other eligible men and women design fresh love strategies. New partners must fit your chosen lifestyle for romance to endure. An alliance you form now defines your potential in '96.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). New social contacts are lucky. Someone you meet in a government or corporate setting is instrumental in advancing your career. First appearances count — dress to impress. A neighbor repays a favor.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You're aglow with irresistible appeal. Your date is hooked. Socially, you get

high marks for blending a practical approach with a sensational creative verve. Investors are sold on your idea by the quality of your proposal.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Your romantic hopes are fulfilled. An acquaintance seeks your company for an intimate tryst and reveals his or her unproclaimed love. A quick change at work brings you a chance to travel and boost your income.

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Today's Food

Wednesday, November 29, 1995

Food & Nutrition

Wise Ways

Leftover turkey gets a date for this week's party.
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Heart-y Bites

Potatoes still are fine for dinner, but keep an eye on their pals on the plate when expecting healthy fare.
INSIDE

Blue Ribbon Cook

Winning cookie recipe appeals to kids, as well as adults.
INSIDE

Private Label Test Run

Holiday baking catches folks in a flurry of flour. Shop 'n Save puts it on its shelf for 79 cents for a five-pound bag. Journal bakers initiated their holiday season by using it in pizza crust, cookies and other baked goods.
INSIDE

Micro Raves

Sweet and easy are the rule for holiday candy.
INSIDE

Lively Taste

Turn shreds of leftover turkey into soup by combining with chicken bouillon or broth, canned creamed corn and several spoonfuls of chunky salsa. Sprinkle top of individual servings of hot chowder with reduced-fat shredded sharp cheddar cheese.

Health & Fitness

Medicine Chest

Estrogen replacement therapy in a woman's later years can bring benefits and risks. New information is available which your health care provider can discuss with you to see if you are a candidate for newer methods of care. Even if you have pursued the matter previously, an update early in the new year to get facts on benefits and risks can determine whether a new course of action is warranted.

Fresh Picks

Red cabbage is meant for life beyond slaw as a dish loaded with color. In a large saucepan, cook 1 small head red cabbage (1 pound), shredded, and 1 small onion, chopped, in 1 inch boiling water 6 minutes or until just tender. Drain water. Add 1 small apple, cored and shredded; 1 small garlic clove, minced; 1/4 cup packed brown sugar; 3 tablespoons red wine vinegar; the grated peel of 1/2 lemon and juice of 1 whole lemon; and pinch of pepper. Cook, covered, over low heat 10 minutes until vegetables are tender and mixture slightly thickened. Stir occasionally. Makes about 4 cups.

Big Fat Tip

Love mashed potatoes but need an alternative to the high-fat ingredients that make them rich? Try using evaporated skim milk. It has richer consistency and flavor than skim milk from the carton. Butter or margarine can be cut back or eliminated by adding a butter-flavored product; the ones that need rehydrating provide lots of flavor bang. Sprinkle lightly with white pepper to pep up overall flavor without announcing its presence.

Future Shop

While flavored milk in the U.S. is taking its time to become popular, eagerly waiting in the wings is flavored butter-milk, a popular item with European teens. Not satisfied with strawberry and chocolate, it comes in flavors like pina colada, pistachio, toffee and mint.

magic naturally

By Janice Denham
Staff writer

Holiday abracadabra is on this week's menu. Houses change their look, reflect, jingle and bulge with ideas for an individual journey that leads to a new year.

Also 'tis the season of the party. Sharing fun and food is a high priority on the plate coming up in December.

Food gifts are a natural way to show this care. The stocking that once hung with care bearing a treasured fresh apple or orange is not far from the kitchen gift of today. Pomander balls have been a classic for years.

Oranges are the first-line fruit used in pomanders, but apples, limes, kumquats and small firm pears also can be used.

Stud a fresh, firm, unblemished fruit thickly with whole cloves, covering the entire fruit at one sitting. A dental pick or small meat skewer helps. Let the pomander dry completely in a warm, airy place, turning frequently. Drying can take days or weeks, depending on the size and type of fruit, but it can be given while in the process and may keep months or years open in the air.

When fruit is dry, brush lightly with oil of cloves or cinnamon for more intensity.

Chutney, mustard, nuts, popcorn, potpourri, vinegar, tea, coffee all are welcome individual gifts or gathered in a simple or extravagant basket.

As easy as putting together

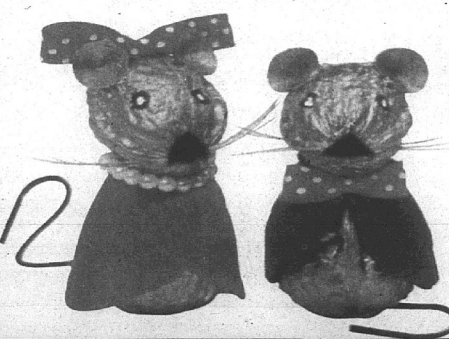
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Janice Denham Photo

Pat Leigh, left, and Melanie Fathman enjoy the glowing colors of food gifts made in the kitchen. Members of the St. Louis Herb Society had prepared the herb and fruit vinegars, mustards, chutneys, spice blends and vegetables.

Kids' Cuisine



or NUTments

In-the-shell nuts can be charmed into leading a second life as decorations or holiday ornaments. Spray them with silver or gold paint and add ribbon for simple hanging decorations that reflect lights on a tree or sunlight at a window. Critters, such as mice, come by adding paint, felt, ribbon, string and imagination.

Today's Food

Wise Ways

MARY SCHROEPFER

Freezing can safeguard big batches at parties

At least one big holiday gathering is down for 1995, but there probably are others to go. Hosting one can be a challenge, but it also can be a pleasure when menus are planned around freeze-ahead main dishes, desserts and breads.

There are many benefits from this procedure. It allows time to relax and enjoy guests. In addition, frozen foods are safer than when all foods are prepared at the last minute and stored in an overcrowded refrigerator, which does not cool foods fast enough or cold enough to be safe.

Observe the two-hour rule. Never leave food at room temperature more

than two hours. Even food served at large gatherings must be served and leftovers stored in a refrigerator or freezer within two hours after food comes from the oven or range.

This two-hour rule applies to all perishable foods — including leftover turkey or meat dishes, egg products, dressing, gravy, casseroles, cream or custard pies, vegetables with cream sauce, whipped toppings or dairy foods.

This casserole eats up a lot of leftover turkey and broth and feeds a crowd easily. It can be stored in a freezer up to three months. Overwrap in aluminum foil, freezer paper or slide into a large freezer bag for stor-

age. Flavors can be varied to taste. Substitute chopped ham and asparagus for the turkey and celery, or add broccoli florets or pimiento for color.

For more holiday freeze-ahead tips, ask for GH Freezing Home-Prepared Foods and send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to: University Extension, P.O. Box 71, Union, Mo. 63084.

Home economist Mary Schroepfer is nutrition specialist with University Extension (University of Missouri system) in Franklin County.

BIG BATCH TURKEY TETRAZZINI

1½ lb. uncooked spaghetti
4 cans (4 oz. each) mushrooms, sliced, drained
4 cups diced celery
1 cup chopped onion
½ cup (1 stick) margarine
½ cup flour
1 tsp. pepper
6 cups defatted turkey broth
2 cans (14½ oz. each) evaporated skim milk
½ cup Worcestershire sauce
6 cups diced, cooked turkey
2 cups (8 oz.) grated reduced-fat Swiss cheese

¾ cup bread crumbs
¼ cup parmesan cheese

Use two 13-by-9-inch baking pans. Line with freezer paper, if freezing.

Cook spaghetti according to package directions. Drain.

Saute mushrooms, celery and onion in margarine until wilted. Stir in flour and pepper. Cook 3 minutes.

Add broth, milk and Worcestershire sauce. Cook, stirring constantly, about 15 minutes until thick.

Add turkey, spaghetti and Swiss cheese. Pour into prepared pans. Cover with foil. Freeze.

Unfrozen serving: Pre-

heat oven to 375°. Top casseroles with combined bread crumbs and parmesan cheese.

Bake 30 minutes until bubbly throughout. Reheating frozen casserole: Preheat oven to 400°. Remove freezer wrap. Place food in baking dish, if it has been removed. Top with combined bread crumbs and parmesan cheese.

Bake 1½ hours until bubbly and crumbs are brown. Makes 24 servings; 287 calories, 9 g fat (27 percent calories from fat) and 477 mg sodium each.

Magic

Continued from page 1C. a small bag of mulling spices and attaching to a bottle of wine or apple juice, gifts can originate in the pantry spice rack or even the back yard, when an eye is kept for decorative or practical purposes, according to members of the St. Louis Herb Society.

Flavored vinegars lately are among the easy, glamorous, flavorful — and inexpensive, if homemade — gifts from a kitchen.

Herb-lovers Melanie Fathman and Pat Leigh showed the colorful bottles at a program at St. Luke's Hospital.

"Vinegar originally was the product of a second fermentation of wine after it was left open to the air," Fathman said.

Leigh said it is important to select a vinegar with at least 5 percent acidity. In a non-aluminum pan, heat the vinegar — apple cider, red wine, white, rice or champagne — a variety they favor — almost to boiling and pour over fresh or dried herbs. If using fresh herbs, jam the jar

full, if using dried, use half as much. In about two weeks it should be ready to use.

For sparkling color, like with red basil or raspberries, they remove the first batch and add a second batch. Filtering it through coffee filters or cheesecloth clarifies it. Store it in sterilized non-lead bottles and seal with plastic-lined caps or new clean corks.

They like it on salad, but use it many other ways, including in place of salt or other seasoning on the table. They add it to mayonnaise, cream sauce, winter soup; sprinkle it over steamed vegetables, cucumber or egg salad, or marinate meat or seafood in it.

Here are some other spicy ideas from the St. Louis Herb Society. Its new cookbook, with many more temptations, is available for \$22 at local bookshops, Library Limited, Missouri Botanical Garden, Williams-Sonoma, Cornucopia or by calling 965-6813 or 532-4644.

• Mulling Spices: Com-

bine ¼ cup dried lemon peel, ¼ cup dried orange peel, ¼ cup crushed cinnamon stick, 2 tablespoons whole allspice and 2 tablespoons whole cloves. Simmer 1 tablespoon of the mixture in 1 quart wine, apple juice or tea 10 minutes. Strain and serve.

• Attach an herbal tea to a basket with a mug. For a homemade blend, mix four parts mint to one part rosemary and one part sage. For aroma under a hot cup of mug, sew favorite herbs into a 3-inch square of material, suggests Sue Reed.

• Use chutney like a relish. Think of it as a chunky ketchup. For easy use, pour it over a brick of cream cheese and serve with crackers.

• When making mustard, beware of dry mustard's flavor, because it may be bitter. Soaking it in hot water washes away the heat.

• When decorating, eucalyptus is the only plant that continues to offer fragrance. To continue other aromas, they must be stim-

ulated, such as in the sun, between the mattress and springs in a guest bedroom or between cushions in the living room, says Barbara O'Brien.

MILD CRANBERRY CHUTNEY

4 cups peeled, chopped pear
½ cup lemon juice
1 pkg. (12 oz.) fresh cranberries
1 small whole navel orange with peel
4 cups sugar
½ cup chopped crystallized ginger
1 tsp. ground cloves
1 cup chopped pecans

Toss pear with lemon juice. Grind together cranberries and orange.

In large non-aluminum kettle, combine pear, cranberry mixture, sugar, ginger and cloves. Stirring constantly over medium heat, bring to boil. Cook,

stirring occasionally, about 30 minutes until thickened. Remove from heat. Stir in pecans.

Ladle into hot sterilized jars, wipe rims and seal. Process in boiling water bath 15 minutes. Cool. Makes 8 cups.

SAVORY CRANBERRY PUNCH

½ cup fresh savory
1 bottle (48 oz.) cranberry or cran-apple juice
1½ liters grapefruit-flavored carbonated beverage, chilled

The night before serving, steep savory in cranberry juice.

Just before serving, remove savory and combine with carbonated beverage.

Serve over ice. Makes sixteen (5-ounce) servings plus ice.

HERB MUSTARD

½ cup dry mustard (Colman's 2 oz. can is a favorite)
2 tbsp. flour
2 tsp. salt
2 tsp. sugar
1 cup water
1 tsp. turmeric
½ to 1 cup tarragon (or other herb) vinegar
2 tbsp. chopped fresh tarragon (or other matching herb)

In bowl, cover dry mustard with boiling water. Let stand until it stops steaming. Pour off water. Repeat.

Combine flour, salt, sugar and 1 cup water. Bring to boil. Cook about 1 minute until thickened.

Add drained mustard, turmeric and enough vinegar to dilute to spreading consistency. Stir in fresh tarragon.

Pour into sterilized jars. Seal. Process in boiling water bath 10 minutes.

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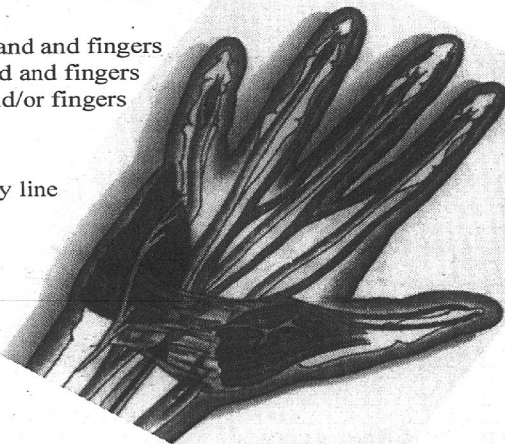
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Today's Food

Micro Raves

By JUDY EDDY

Melt hearts by giving easy chocolate candies

The busiest season of the year is fast approaching. Shopping, wrapping, decorating and creating treats to share express love and joy. When time cannot be bought during the holidays, the microwave oven is the ideal time saver.

Candy made in a microwave oven is ready quicker and the cleanup is faster, leaving time for the next event on the to-do list. For safety and convenience, treat yourself to a pre-Christmas gift — a large microwave-safe bowl with an easy-to-grip handle.

It is a kitchen aid you will not trade in the new year. The handle does not get hot and provides a means for grasping a bowl of liquid that can slip through fingers and cause a nasty burn. It also makes cooking with or around children more manageable.

Chocolate and Christmas are a natural combination. This tasty-rich homemade fudge requires only minutes to make in a microwave oven.

When melting chocolate in a microwave, use the minimum suggested time to avoid scorching, then add one minute at a time only as necessary.

Fat-free sweetened condensed milk can be used in the fudge recipe to cut back calories with no sacrifice of flavor or texture.

The peanut butter recipe originated in "Microwave Times" (Recipes Unlimited, Burnsville, Minn.). The chocolate coating, found in supermarkets, is sold in blocks which break apart easily for melting.

Home economist Judy Eddy specializes in microwave cooking.

COCONUT MARSHMALLOW FUDGE

- 1 can (14 oz.) sweetened condensed milk
- 1 cup milk chocolate chips
- 1 cup semi-sweet chocolate chips
- ½ cup pecan pieces
- ½ cup grated coconut
- 1 tsp. almond extract
- 1 cup mini marshmallows

In 2-quart microwave-safe bowl, microwave sweetened condensed milk and chocolate chips on high power 2 to 3 minutes until chocolate is melted. Stir thoroughly to be sure chocolate is melted completely.

Stir in pecans, almond extract and grated coconut. Cool about 30 minutes.

Stir in marshmallows. Spread in buttered 9-inch square pan. Chill until set. Cut in squares.

PEANUT BUTTER THINS

- 12 oz. chocolate coating
- ¾ cup butterscotch chips
- ½ cup crunchy peanut butter

In 4-cup microwave-safe bowl, microwave chocolate on medium power 3 to 4 minutes until softened. Stir until smooth.

Spread half the chocolate in buttered 8-inch square pan. Freeze 5 minutes or until set.

Combine butterscotch chips and peanut butter in 2-cup microwave-safe measuring cup. Microwave 45 to 60 minutes until softened. Stir until combined. Pour over chocolate. Chill in freezer 5 minutes or until set.

Carefully spoon remaining chocolate over peanut butter layer, spreading evenly. Chill until set. Cut in 1-inch squares.

Recipe

PRESTO-CHANGO SUGAR COOKIES

- ¾ cup (1½ sticks) butter, softened
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 egg
- 1 tsp. vanilla
- 1/8 tsp. salt
- 2 cups flour

Beat butter and sugar until fluffy. Add egg, vanilla and salt. Beat until

smooth. Add variation, if desired. With spoon, stir in flour to form stiff dough.

Divide dough in half. Wrap each half in waxed paper to form cylinder about 1½ inches in diameter. Refrigerate dough until firm.

Preheat oven to 350°. Grease baking sheets. Slice dough ¼-inch thick. Arrange on prepared sheets. Bake in preheated oven 12 to 15 minutes.

Orange Poppy Seed Cookies: Add 2 tablespoons poppy seeds and ½ teaspoon orange extract before adding flour. Flatten sides of wrapped dough to form rectangular shape before chilling.

Raspberry Thumbprints: Add 1 teaspoon lemon extract and ½ teaspoon almond extract before adding flour. Roll each ¼-inch slice into ball. Indent center of each cookie with thumb and fill with ½ teaspoon raspberry preserves.

Cinnamon Pecan Shortbread: Add 1 cup chopped pecans before adding flour. Sprinkle ¼-inch slices generously with combined cinnamon and sugar.

Blue Ribbon Cook

Child-proof cookies make fun delicious

Janet Ciaccio, South St. Louis, is this week's winner of dinner certificates to the Pasta House Co. for Nutty Cookie Rings.

As a child, she and her grandmother made these cookies together for fun and sampling. It includes only five ingredients with no eggs, so pre-baking sampling is safe.

She says with her entry, "Even today the smell of these cookies baking brings back many loving memories."

Refrigerating the dough at least one hour makes it easier to handle. Varying the gelatin provides a subtle flavor difference and changes the dough's color. Red-tinted dough can be sprinkled with green sugar before it is baked or green gelatin (a "blue" flavor is green, too) can be decorated with silver candies.

Deadline for this month's contest is tomorrow (Nov. 30). A single entry to the contest for holiday-appropriate beverages and dips should be sent to: Drink and Dip Recipe Contest, Suburban Journals, 1714 Deer Tracks Trail, St. Louis, Mo. 63131. A recipe for next month's Pasta-Perfect Recipe Contest follows the same pattern and can be included at the same time.

One winner each of the four Wednesdays in December will be chosen on the basis of taste and eye appeal, as well as originality, although the recipe need not be original. Double-check directions and specific amounts, giving variations that individualize the recipe.

If possible, tell where the recipe came from and give specific information about special touches that give it a personal signature. Indicate which *Journal* newspaper you receive. Duplicate entries will be considered on the basis of earlier entry or best compliance with rules. Contest winners may enter again six months after their prize-winning publication date.

NUTTY COOKIE RINGS

- 1 cup (2 sticks) butter or

- margarine, softened
- ½ cup sugar
- 2 cups flour
- 3 tbs. orange gelatin
- 1 cup chopped salted cocktail peanuts

Preheat oven to 350°. In large mixing bowl, cream butter and sugar. Add flour. Blend in gelatin and peanuts. Chill dough at least 1 hour.

Shape chilled dough by spoonfuls in strips about the thickness of a pencil and 5 inches long. Shape as desired. Place on ungreased cookie sheet.

Bake in preheated oven 8 to 12 minutes until slightly browned.

Cool on cookie sheet 2 minutes, then remove to racks to cool.

Makes about 3 dozen.

Nutty Cookie Balls: Shape chilled dough in 1-inch balls. Bake as directed. Cool slightly. Roll in confectioner's sugar.

Nutty Shaped Cookies: Shape chilled dough in 1-inch balls. Place on cookie sheet. Flatten with back of fork.

Recipe

FUDGY BANANA-OAT CAKE

- 1½ cups mashed ripe banana (about 3 large)
- ½ cup oil
- 3 eggs
- Sliced banana, if desired
- Whipped cream or topping, if desired

Preheat oven to 350°. Lightly grease bottom only of 13-by-9-inch baking pan.

For topping combine oats and brown sugar. Cut in ¼ cup margarine until mixture is crumbly.

In small saucepan, heat chocolate chips, sweetened condensed milk and 1 tablespoon margarine over low heat, stirring occasionally, until chocolate is melted. Remove from heat.

In large bowl, combine

cake mix, banana, oil and eggs. Blend at low speed of electric mixer until dry ingredients are moistened. Beat at medium speed 2 minutes.

Spread batter evenly in prepared pan. Sprinkle chocolate mixture by teaspoonful over batter. Sprinkle with oat mixture.

Bake in preheated oven 40 to 45 minutes until cake pulls away from sides of pan and topping is golden brown. Cool in pan on wire rack.

Serve with topping and sliced banana.

Makes 15 servings; 400 calories, 19 g fat and 230 mg sodium each.

NUTTY NOTES

Here are ways to use nuts to best advantage:

- For long-term storage of in-shell nuts, keep in airtight container in refrigerator or in cool, dark place.

- For maximum flavor after freezing, bring to room temperature before serving.

- Crack nuts gently on middle of the shell with a nutcracker, turning it a few times to extract the whole kernel without breaking.

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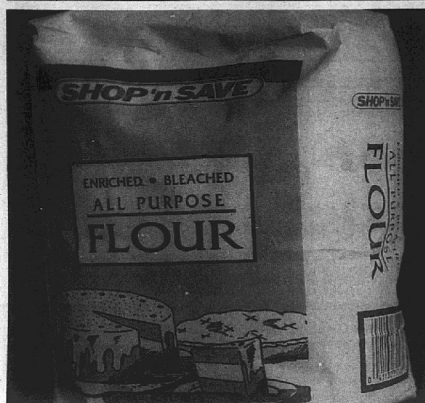
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Private Label Test Run

Holiday test: Mix one bag of flour in kitchen projects

At holiday time, many a kitchen is known for the layer of flour on its countertop as it spreads out to become breads, cookies and cakes. Today's *Suburban Journal* testers issued a hearty "high-o" as the cloud of dusty flour left by the Shop 'n Save brand would be encouraged in their own kitchens.

A five-pound bag of all-purpose flour regularly costs 79 cents at Shop 'n Save. Biscuits, cookies, rolls and pizza crust were made at home in the test.

They all called the enriched, bleached flour easy to work.

"The Shop 'n Save flour was quite acceptable. I made biscuits Sunday morning and they were flaky. The flour was easy to work with. I really didn't notice a difference," a tes-

ter said. She regularly buys less expensive flour, usually a "house" brand.

"Actually I've never noticed much of a difference in the flours. I also used it for chocolate chip cookies and, of course, they were eaten up in a hurry," said the mother of a teen and pre-teenager, both boys.

The private label flour went into pizza in another home where a high school girl regularly makes pizza.

"Margaret started making bread awhile ago," her mother said. "She loves the feel of the dough. She used 2½ cups instead of 2 cups, which was the only difference in what she sometimes uses."

She found the consistency easy to work with.

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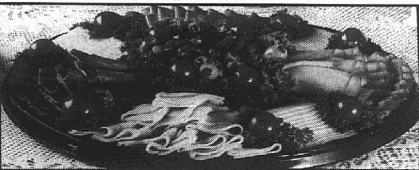
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3 tbs. maple syrup
¼ tsp. cinnamon
Pinch salt
½ cup black walnut pieces
Preheat oven to 350°. Melt butter in large skillet. Brown pork chops over medium heat. Place pork chops in

13-by-9-inch baking pan. Combine sweet potato, pineapple, maple syrup, cinnamon and salt. Mix well. Spoon mixture onto pork chops. Sprinkle with nuts. Pour pineapple liquid into pan. Bake in preheated oven 25 to 30 minutes until potato is thoroughly heated. Makes 6 servings, 362 calories each.

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Bake up a storm; treat sweet 'cookie' to results

The holidays are a magical time filled with wonder and delight. A homemade cookie or two makes the holiday season even more special.

All-in-One Cookies are for the person who cannot pick just one cookie flavor. They can be made as a sugar cookie or turned into chocolate cookies by replacing ½ cup flour with ½ cup cocoa.

Topped with red, green and white candy-coated bits, they make a colorful treat. Using other baking bits, such as chocolate or peanut butter chips, brings alternatives up to 24 different types - all from one basic recipe. They have a simple, made-from-scratch dough.

Peanut brittle is good, but nut brittle cookies are a special treat. This rich, old-fashioned bar cookie is a unique combination of a cookie crust, topped with peanut butter chips and a caramel-like filling. Keep some of the batch at home, because even a few of these cookies make an impressive hostess gift or a heart-warming holiday present.

1 cup granulated sugar
¾ cup packed light brown sugar
2 tsp. vanilla
½ tsp. salt
2 eggs
2½ cups flour
1 tsp. baking soda
Any bag of baking pieces or chips

Preheat oven to 375°. In large bowl, beat butter, granulated sugar, brown sugar, vanilla and salt with electric mixer until creamy. Add eggs. Beat well.

Stir together flour and baking soda. Gradually add to butter mixture, beating until well mixed. Stir in baking pieces.

Drop by rounded teaspoonful on ungreased cookie sheet. Bake in preheated oven 8 to 10 minutes until set.

Cool slightly. Remove from cookie sheets to wire racks.

Makes about 5 dozen.
Chocolate All-in-One Cookies: Replace ½ cup flour with ½ cup cocoa.

butter chips Nut Filling

Preheat oven to 375°. In medium bowl, stir together flour, sugar and baking powder. Cut in butter until mixture forms coarse crumbs. Stir in egg and evaporated milk. Mix until ingredients hold together.

Press evenly on bottom and up sides of 15-by-10-inch jellyroll pan. Bake in preheated oven 8 to 10 minutes until golden. Cool in pan on wire rack.

Sprinkle 1 cup peanut butter chips over crust. Carefully spoon Nut Filling over baked crust and chips; do not spread.

Bake 12 to 15 minutes longer until filling is caramel-colored. Remove from oven. Sprinkle remaining ½ cup peanut butter chips over top.

Cool completely in pan on wire rack. Cut in bars.

Nut Filling: In 3-quart saucepan over medium heat, cook 1½ cups sugar, ½ cup (1 stick) butter, ½ cup evaporated milk and ½ cup light corn syrup, stirring constantly, until mixture boils. Stir in 1½ cups sliced almonds. Continue cooking and stirring over medium heat until mixture reaches 240° on candy thermometer or until mixture, dropped in very cold water, forms soft ball which flattens when removed from water. Remove from heat. Use immediately. Makes 4 dozen.

NUT BRITTLE COOKIE BARS

1½ cups flour
2 tbs. sugar
¾ tsp. baking powder
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Today's Food

Heart-y Bites

By BECKY BLAIR

Potato still a favorite when eating at home

In years past, meat and potatoes were the mainstay of the American diet. Then, the low-fat, weight-conscious craze struck, giving the potato a bad rap. That's not fair. High-fat toppings — butter, sour cream, cheese and bacon bits — are more the culprits.

In attempting to satisfy the recommended five or more servings of fruits and vegetables daily, many people turn to the potato. Biologically, the potato is a vegetable, but calorically it fits more into the grain-starch food group. According to exchange lists of the American Diabetes Association and the American Dietetic Association, one small (3 ounce) baked potato averages 80 calories and counts as one serving. Compare this to the 25 or fewer calories provided by a 1/2-cup serving of another vegetable, like broccoli or carrots.

Like other "true" vegetables though, the potato is a great low-fat source of complex carbohydrates, vitamin C and fiber. It is naturally low in sodium.

This low-fat potato casse-

role scrumptiously substitutes for the much-beloved scalloped potatoes without the extra calories from butter, cheese and cream or milk. Any type of potato works well in this casserole. If red potatoes are used, leave on the skins for added color and fiber.

Let your imagination and taste buds explore the diverse possibilities. Replace the garlic and herb seasoning with an Italian herb blend, dill weed mingled with dried chives, or an array of peppers mixed with chili powder to create a Tex-Mex taste.

Using low-fat or fat-free shredded cheddar cheese instead of parmesan cheese gives a taste similar to the traditional scalloped potatoes. To further reduce fat and calories, try fat-free parmesan cheese.

Save the recipe for warm weather, too, because this quick potato casserole in aluminum foil can be grilled easily alongside a main dish.

Registered dietitian Becky Blair is a member of the nutrition committee of the American Heart Association, St. Louis Chapter.

LOW-FAT POTATO CASSEROLE

- 4 cups thinly sliced, peeled or unpeeled potato
- 4 tbsp. grated parmesan cheese
- Salt-free garlic and herb seasoning blend
- Pepper, onion powder or chopped onions, if desired

Coat medium microwave-safe dish with nonstick cooking spray.

Place layer of sliced potato in dish. Spray with cooking spray. Sprinkle with garlic and herb seasoning blend, then with grated parmesan cheese. Continue layering pattern. Cover with plastic wrap or lid. Microwave on high power 12 to 18 minutes until potato is soft and tender. Rotate dish several times during cooking.

Yields eight (1/2-cup) servings; 80 calories, 3 g protein, 1 g fat and 14 g carbohydrate each.

Recipe

HOT TURKEY SHORTCAKES

- 3 1/2 tbsp. butter or margarine
- 4 tbsp. flour
- 1 1/4 cups chicken or turkey broth
- 1/2 cup milk
- 1 1/2 tsp. sherry wine
- Salt and cayenne pepper to taste
- 3/4 cup finely chopped red bell pepper

- 3/4 cup finely chopped green bell pepper
- 6 oz. sliced fresh mushrooms
- 1 lb. cooked turkey, cut in 1/2 inch cubes
- 1 pkg. (8 large) refrigerated buttermilk biscuits
- Finely chopped chives or parsley, if desired

In large heavy pot, melt butter. Whisk in flour. Cook over low heat 3 to 4 minutes. Do not let brown. Slowly whisk in chicken broth. Simmer 5 to 6 minutes until thick. Slowly whisk in milk.

Cook 1 minute. Add sherry, salt and cayenne. Cook 1 minute.

Add red and green peppers and mushrooms. Cook 5 minutes.

Add turkey. Simmer 10 minutes longer. Prepare biscuits according to directions on package. Keep warm. To serve, start by cutting biscuits in half. Spoon 1/4 cup turkey mixture on bottom half of biscuits. Cover with top halves. Spoon 1/4 cup turkey mixture on top of each sandwich. Garnish with chopped chives.

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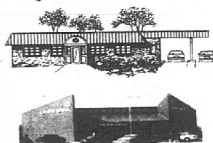
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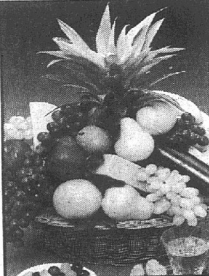


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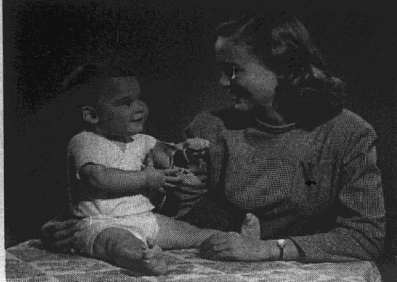
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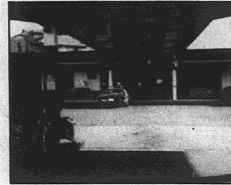


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By Mark Lymberopoulos

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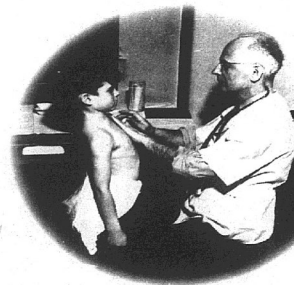
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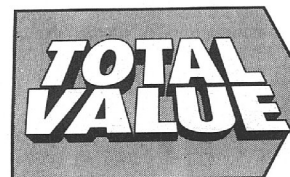
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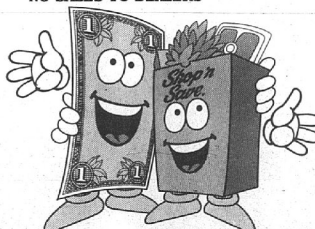
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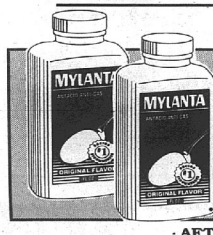


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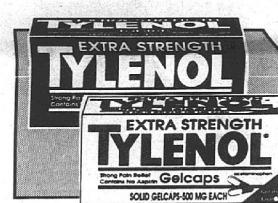
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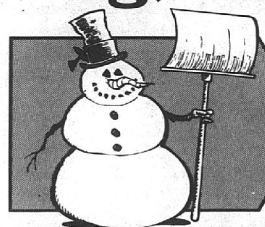
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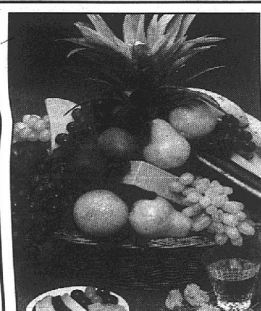
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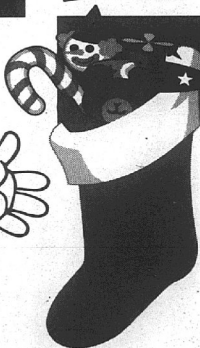
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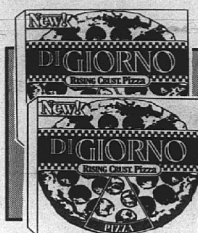


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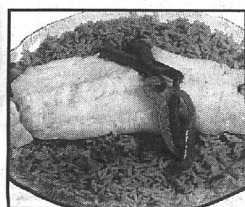
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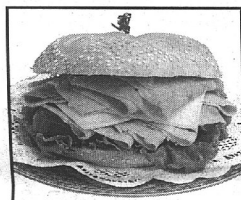
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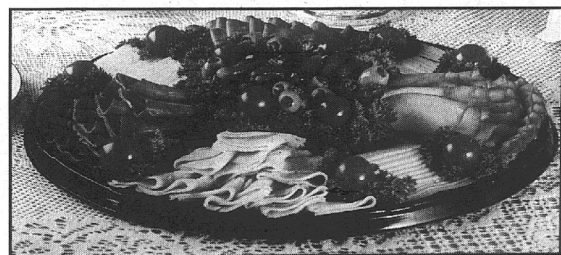
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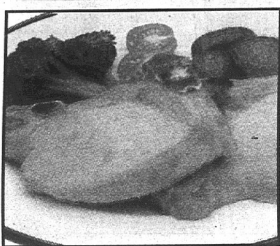
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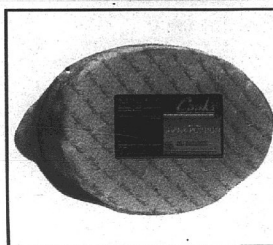
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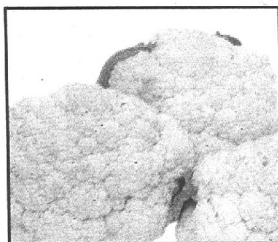
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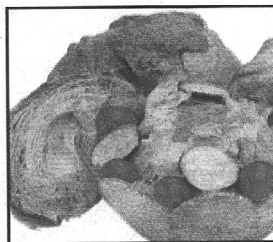
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To enter the "Shop Til You Drop" Sweepstakes giveaway outlined below, follow all directions published in this offer. Your entry must arrive by NOON on December 15, 1995.

The \$5,000 Holiday Shopping Sweepstakes will be awarded to one winner. The winner will be selected by random drawing from all qualified entries received. The winner will receive a \$5,000 Holiday Shopping Spree at West County Center.

THE FOLLOWING APPLIES TO THE SWEEPSTAKES ABOVE:
 Sweepstakes begins 12/1/95 and ends NOON 12/15/95. Winner will be selected in a random drawing held on 12/15/95, at 5 P.M. from among all eligible entries received, under the supervision of Don Miller, President and CEO, Suburban Newspapers of Greater St. Louis, whose decision on all matters relating to this contest is final.

Winner agrees that Suburban Journal employees, their agents, clerks, and members of their families shall have no liability in connection with acceptance or use of prizes purchased with the \$5,000 Holiday Shopping Spree.

The Suburban Journals is not responsible for entries that are lost, late or misdirected by mail.

Winner will be notified by mail within 7 days of the drawing. Taxes (and any expenses not specified herein) are the responsibility of the winner. Chances of winning are dependent upon the number of entries received.

You must be 18 years of age or older and a resident of the United States to enter. Employees of Suburban Journals of Greater St. Louis, their subsidiaries, agents, clerks and members of their families are not eligible to enter.

Winner agrees to allow use of their name and photograph by the Suburban Journals and authorized representatives for publicity purposes.

Winner will be announced to the public in the Christmas edition of the Suburban Journal.

NOTICE WASHINGTON PARK CEMETERY

The St. Louis Airport Authority purchased a portion of the Washington Park Cemetery, north of Highway I-70, to remove an obstruction to its runway. The Airport has identified the names and locations of deceased persons buried in sections 14, 15 and 15-South. It is also known as Section 13. If you are related to someone buried in the above sections, please call the Airport Community Programs Office at 731-4100 or write:

Airport Community Programs Office
 4610 North Lindbergh, Suite 200
 Bridgeton, MO 63044
 ATTENTION: WASHINGTON PARK CEMETERY PROJECT

The shaded areas of the above map are known as Sections 14, 15 and 15-South.

